

## NSERC PRIZES - FRIENDS OF NSERC

**Message from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) of Canada:**

**NSERC Prizes – Friends of NSERC**

[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/about/friends\\_e.htm](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/about/friends_e.htm)

If you are funded by NSERC in any capacity, you may nominate private citizens who have provided assistance, or material or logistic support. For instance, a chemical engineering professor at Dalhousie University recently nominated two employees of an American firm that gave him access to its testing facility near Kansas City, Missouri, and paid for the materials needed as well. He estimated the cash equivalent of the firm's contribution at \$60,000, and said that the research could not have been undertaken without this support. Both individuals also displayed a keen interest in the personal well-being of the Ph.D. candidate under the professor's supervision who spent the summer there, providing him with a wonderful training opportunity.

Now, more than ever before, when the research enterprise is in need of public support, it is particularly important for researchers to take the time to communicate with the public and in doing so, help to build support for research sponsored by NSERC.

To nominate one or more individuals, just send us a note including details of how they helped you as well as their name and mailing address, and we'll send them a "Friend of NSERC" certificate thanking them on your behalf and NSERC's for their help (note: the intent is not to recognize personal acts of kindness and courtesy – that is left to the individual who experienced them).

**Address nominations to:**

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 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1H5

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For more details about the NSERC Prizes Program please visit:  
[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/about/prizes\\_e.asp](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/about/prizes_e.asp)



" I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

Isaac Newton

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# UPCOMING ORS EVENTS

## Ryerson International Research Fund

**Information Session: TBA**

**This will be a question & answer session for applicants**

**LETTER OF INTENT: TBA**

**DEADLINE: January 31, 2006**

This new fund is a joint initiative with the Office of International Affairs and is intended to foster international research collaborations.

The Ryerson International Research Fund (RIRF) provides seed funding to develop proposals for externally funded international research initiatives that are a priority to their academic units, and that are consistent with the stated goals and objectives of the University's Academic Plan *Learning Together 2003-2008*. Successful applicants are to use this seed funding to develop an international research project proposal at a minimum value of \$100,000. There are two awards: \$20,000 per award with required matching funds of \$10,000 cash or in-kind.

This will be a question and answer session for applicants.

For more information please contact Marsha McEachrane Mikhail, Manager OIA and International Liaison Officer @ [mmceachr@ryerson.ca](mailto:mmceachr@ryerson.ca) or by telephone at Ext.6995

**To attend any of the ORS sessions, please RSVP to the Office of Research Services, Kathy Peter @ [kpeter@ryerson.ca](mailto:kpeter@ryerson.ca) or by telephone at Ext. 7277.**

## Ryerson SSHRC-SIG Research

**Information Session: Wednesday, October 26, 2005**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EPH 433**

**Faculty Guest Speaker: Patrizia Albanese, Sociology, Faculty of Arts (2004 Ryerson SSHRC-SIG Research award winner)**

**DEADLINE: November 15, 2005**

**Funding: up to \$7,000**

Seed funding for projects in the Social Sciences and Humanities disciplines.

Overview of program guidelines and online submission process and form.

## Ryerson Creative Fund

**Information Session: Wednesday, November 9, 2005**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Faculty Guest Speaker: Ruth Panofsky, English, Faculty of Arts (2005 Ryerson Creative Fund award winner)**

**DEADLINE: December 1, 2005**

**Funding: up to \$5,000**

Overview of program guidelines and online submission process and form.

Provides a small number of grants to support faculty members who engage, or wish to engage, in creative activity, where it can be demonstrated that such activity is relevant to their discipline and also to encourage faculty to explore potential alternative sources of funding.

## Ryerson New Faculty SRC Development Fund

**Information Session: Wednesday, December 14, 2005**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Faculty Guest Speaker: Hyacinth Simpson, English, Faculty of Arts (2005 Ryerson New Faculty SRC Development Fund award winner)**

**DEADLINE: January 10, 2006**

**Funding: up to \$10,000**

**Eligibility:**

- Have not been a PI on an external grant from a federal granting council or equivalent
- Have some support from the Faculty/School
- Have not received funding from this program

Provides funding to new faculty within the first two years of their tenure or probationary appointment in the **Faculties of Arts, Business, Communication & Design, Community Services or the Department of Architectural Science** to establish and implement an SRC program. This initiative does not fund "stand alone" projects that are not part of a larger plan. Overview of program guidelines and online submission process & form.

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# UPCOMING ORS EVENTS

## Intellectual Property Primer Series

This fall and winter, the Office of Research Services is offering a series of six educational sessions focusing on intellectual property, research and commercialization of inventions.

Technology Transfer is a hot topic these days, but do you know how it can apply to your reasearch? This is an opportunity to learn about the nuances, as well as some not-so subtle aspects of inventing and innovating as a part of your overall research program. Sessions are practical and should provoke discussion, increase familiarity with relevant issues and inspire creative and commercial facets of your activities at the University.

To attend any of the IP Primer Series sessions, please RSVP to the Office of Research Services, Kathy Peter @ [kpeter@ryerson.ca](mailto:kpeter@ryerson.ca) or by telephone at Ext. 7277.

## Sharing your research materials: Do you need a materials transfer agreement?

Sharing of resources and knowledge is one of the hallmarks of academic life. However there may be occasions where you want to place restrictions on the material(s) you lend others. Conversely you need to be aware of restrictions and their implications on the material(s) on loan to you. Light lunch provided.

**Wednesday September 14, 2005**  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., EPH 433

**Tuesday, January 10, 2006**  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., EPH 433

## Don't blow it! How to protect your IP while doing re-search at a University

What are the practical steps and precautions that you need to take in order to protect your Intellectual Property within a university.

Light lunch provided.

**Thursday, October 27, 2004**  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
EPH 433

**Friday, February 10, 2006**  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
EPH 433

## Working with industrial partners: some contract issues

Industrial partners are valuable research sponsors at Ryerson, however not all partners are experienced in working with researchers in a university setting. This session will deal with some of the more common issues which arise when dealing with industrial partners.

**Wednesday, November 9, 2005**  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
EPH 433

**Tuesday, March 7, 2006**  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
EPH 433

## What is a confidentiality agreement and what is it really for?

What is reasonable and what isn't in a confidentiality agreement? Who does it protect and for whom does it represent a liability? When is it necessary? Learn the answers to these and other questions. Light lunch provided.

**Friday, November 25, 2005**  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
EPH 433

**Thursday, March 26, 2006**  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
EPH 433

## Commercializing Your IP at Ryerson Attention Inventors:

ORS provides services, advice and education in Technology Transfer, Industry Liason Activities, and Protection of Intellectual Property. Come and discover the support services available to you at Ryerson to commercialize your IP. Light lunch provided.

**Monday, January 23, 2006**  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
EPH 433

## How to Do a Patent Search

The strength of a patent search can make or break any subsequent commercialization strategy. This session will offer information how to make your search as thorough as possible. Light lunch provided.

**Tuesday, February 7, 2006**  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
EPH 433

# TRI - AGENCY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## NSERC - Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

<http://www.nserc.gc.ca/index.htm>

### NSERC Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) Grants (Category 1 \$7,001 - \$150,000)

#### Deadlines:

**October 19: Application to ORS**

**October 25: Application to NSERC**

[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=d1](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=d1)

RTI grants are one-year awards that assist in buying or developing research equipment that costs more than \$7,000.

NSERC will accept applications under Category 1 for equipment that costs up to \$250,000 (before tax, shipping and handling) as long as the applicant is able to secure funding from other sources to bring the amount requested from NSERC to \$150,000 or below.

Items costing less than \$7,000 each can be purchased with Discovery Grant funds or be included as a complement to a main piece of equipment being purchased.

### NSERC International Polar Year Projects in the Natural Sciences & Engineering Request for Proposals

**Deadline extended to November 28, 2005**

[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a4\\_polar](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a4_polar)

NSERC contact: paul.potvin@nserc.ca

**NSERC is launching this one-time Request for Proposals (RFP) through the SRO Program to support the participation of Canadian researchers in International Polar Year projects.**

NSERC is soliciting applications for research proposals linked to IPY from NSERC-eligible researchers in the fields of the natural sciences and engineering.

Proposals must be for projects that have been officially endorsed at the national (<http://www.ipy-api.ca>) or international (<http://www.ipy.org>) level as being IPY projects.

NSERC expects to support a limited number of high-quality research projects of up to three years' duration that cover the 2007 and 2008 IPY years. Projects can start before the official March 1, 2007 start date of IPY and end after the official end date of March 1, 2009, but should cover the two IPY years. NSERC will make available up to \$2 million per year for three years for the IPY competition. Although a maximum of \$500,000 per year for three years can be requested for a specific proposal, the majority of funded projects to be in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year range. Thus, NSERC expects to support 10 to 15 projects.

For NSERC support, eligible researchers may propose projects with collaborators from government, industry, non-government organizations (NGOs) or other countries. Proposals from individuals or teams based at NSERC-eligible institutions must be submitted directly to NSERC. Collaborators from other sectors or countries must bring their own financing to the project. Financial contributions from other sources will need to be confirmed before a final decision on funding is made. Research projects must fit within one of the following IPY themes:

- To determine the present environmental status of the polar regions by quantifying their spatial and temporal variability.
- To quantify, and understand, past and present environmental and human change in the polar regions in order to improve predictions.
- To advance our understanding of polar-global interactions by studying tele connections on all scales.
- To investigate the unknowns at the frontiers of science in the polar regions.
- To use the unique vantage point of the polar regions to develop and enhance observatories studying the Earth's inner core, the Earth's magnetic field, geospace, the Sun and beyond.

Multidisciplinary projects are encouraged; however, NSERC will consider contributing only to the natural sciences and engineering research portion.

## NSERC UNIVERSITY FACULTY AWARDS (UFA)

**Application by University nomination University/ORS deadline: October 24, 2005**

**NSERC Deadline: November 1**

[http://www.nserc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=c7](http://www.nserc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=c7)

If you are recruiting, or considering recruiting women and Aboriginal researchers to tenure-track or tenured positions in science and engineering, please consider encouraging your prospective faculty member to apply for the NSERC University Faculty Award (UFA). The deadline is November 1, 2005.

The offer of a tenured or tenure-track position may be made before the nomination deadline date; however, the appointment must not have been taken up prior to the start date of the award. The appointment may be conditional upon receipt of the award.

NSERC will accept nominations made only by universities and the submission should address the need for female or Aboriginal representation in the discipline as well as the university's support of, and commitment to, the candidate.

To be considered eligible the candidate must be

- a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada as of the nomination deadline date; and be
- a woman or Aboriginal person who holds a doctorate in one of the fields of research that NSERC supports; or
- expect to have completed all the requirements for such a degree, including thesis defence, by the proposed date of appointment.

The University is expected to give UFA holders a tenured or tenure-track position with status and privileges equivalent to those of a faculty member.

In addition, eligible candidates must have relevant experience following receipt of a doctorate as required for appointment at the rank of at least assistant professor in the applicable discipline. UFA holders may teach no more than one full course per year and accept no more than a half service or administrative load.

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# TRI - AGENCY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

## NSERC 2006 DISCOVERY GRANTS INFORMATION

### The Discovery Grants Reallocations Exercise

NSERC completed its third Reallocations Exercise in July 2002. These results continue to be in effect for the 2006 and 2007 competitions.

All disciplines were reallocated funds to support some of the proposals put forward in their submissions. As you prepare your application for a Discovery Grant, you should be aware of the specific purposes for which funds were reallocated to your discipline. You will find this information in Annexes A and B of the NSERC Report on the 2002 Reallocations Exercise ([http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/report\\_final\\_e.htm](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/report_final_e.htm)).

A detailed description of the proposals supported can then be found in the text of the Reallocations Submissions ([http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/subs\\_e.htm](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/subs_e.htm)) for your discipline.

If the proposals supported are relevant to you (e.g., if your research is in an area for which funds were specifically reallocated), or if you incur research expenses for which your discipline received reallocated funds, mention this in your application. This will help the NSERC GSC decide if you should receive some of the reallocated funds.

**For applicants in Chemistry, Condensed Matter Physics and General Physics**, in addition to the funds reallocated to your respective disciplines, funds were also specifically reallocated for interdisciplinary materials research. Consult the joint proposal Interdisciplinary Materials Research ([http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/submissions/gsc24\\_26\\_28\\_29\\_e.htm](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/submissions/gsc24_26_28_29_e.htm))

If you are planning, or are currently involved in, a chemist-physicist collaboration in an area pertinent to this initiative and incur additional costs as a result, include these in your budget.

In the additional pages provided to describe your budget request in detail, use the heading "Interdisciplinary Materials Research" and, in one or two short paragraphs, list your collaborator(s), describe briefly the nature of your collaboration, and the costs for which support from Reallocations funds are being sought.

### The Reallocation Exercise and Mechanical Engineering (GSC 13)

In the recent Reallocations Exercise, GSC 13 received funds to support two specific proposals (See [http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/submissions/gsc13\\_e.htm](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/real2000/submissions/gsc13_e.htm) for more details).

In reviewing Discovery Grant applications, the Mechanical Engineering GSC used the following principles to assess whether an application merited consideration under each of the proposals:

#### Proposal 1 (Biomechanical Engineering)

While biomedical engineering is the most frequently used term to denote the applications of all engineering disciplines in the biological sciences, biomechanical engineering limits the area to those associated with the more traditional mechanical engineering topics. This means that the problems are most often involved with solid mechanics, fluid mechanics, dynamics, thermodynamics and heat transfer. Examples of applications of each of these topics include:

- **Solid Mechanics** – Fundamental and applied studies of the properties and behaviour of the hard and soft tissues at both macro- and microscopic levels.
- **Fluid Mechanics** – Understanding and assisting the flow of bodily fluids and gases including blood, urine and respiration.
- **Dynamics** – Monitoring and predicting the kinematics and kinetics of motion for injury and disease causation, surgical approaches, rehabilitation and athletics.
- **Thermodynamic and Heat Transfer** – Thermodynamics of interfaces, as well as heat and mass transfer and energy transfer considerations within and exterior to the body.

In all the above areas, numerical modeling and the simulation and analytical evaluations of the processes and functions is often combined with both *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies that may also involve animal models. Development of novel experimental techniques and devices to advance measurement and investigation of biomechanical systems are also included. In addition, development of rehabilitation systems and aids for the mechanically handicapped are also included.

#### Proposal 2 (Alternative Energy Systems)

The research effort will be focused on systems or subsystems that:

- are based on new or emerging technologies, or on technologies that are not in widespread use;
- have the potential to replace conventional energy sources in ways that are more efficient and more environmentally friendly, or can make important contributions to sustainable development;
- have the potential for significant impact in their fields of application; and
- will address significant issues relevant to technologies such as, but not limited to:
  - polymer fuel cells;
  - solid oxide fuel cells;
  - wind turbines;
  - solar photovoltaic;
  - micro turbines;
  - other emerging energy systems; and
  - day lighting and passive solar heating in buildings.

If you have questions about the implementation of the Reallocations decisions, contact the [http://www.nserc.gc.ca/staff/contact\\_e.asp](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/staff/contact_e.asp) responsible for your GSC.

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## NSERC Discovery Grants – Northern Research Supplement

### Deadline:

November 1: Application to NSERC

(note change to deadline)

[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a1\\_sup](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a1_sup)

This program is aimed at NSERC-funded researchers who intend to conduct research in Canada's North, defined as the land- and ocean-based territory that lies above, not including, the line of isolated discontinuous permafrost, from northern British Columbia to northern Labrador.

Applications will only be accepted from researchers who are applying for a Discovery Grant in this year's competition.

Successful applicants will receive a supplement to their NSERC Discovery Grant of up to \$10,000 per year, for the duration of their Discovery Grant, to supplement logistical costs associated with research in the Canadian North. Renewal of the supplement will be considered at the time of the Discovery Grant renewal.

Recipients of Northern Research supplements are not restricted to the specific activities described in the application, but must pursue research interests in the North.

## ONLINE GUIDES

### CIHR: Grants and Awards Guides

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/805.html>

### NSERC: Use of Grants Funds

[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=f3](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=f3)

### SSHRC: Using your Funds

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using_e.asp)

## CIHR – CANADIAN INSTITUTES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/781.html>

### CIHR Team Grant Program (2005-2006)

#### Deadlines:

October 21, 2005: University Internal for Preliminary Notification

November 14, 2005: Letter of Intent

September 5, 2006: Invited Full Application

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28262.html>

The specific objectives of the CIHR Team Grant program are:

- to support expert teams of talented and experienced researchers
- to support high-quality research that addresses an important health and disease, health care or health system problem or issue which is best approached through a collaborative team
- to provide superior research training and mentorship environments
- to support the production of new knowledge and the translation of research findings into improvements in the health of Canadians and the Canadian health care system

Proposals that represent active partnerships between community organizations and research teams based in institutions (including universities, colleges, hospitals, and affiliated research institutions) are encouraged.

Eligible teams will consist of at least three independent investigators, each of whom has an established research track record in areas related to the collaborative project(s) proposed.

It is the intent of CIHR to fund a variety of expert teams (uni-disciplinary teams, multi-disciplinary teams, trans-disciplinary teams, community-partnered teams, academic-industry teams, etc.).

It is expected that the partners will contribute to:

- Formulating research agendas
- Providing input into the development of research and training projects
- Synthesizing and disseminating findings
- Applying the research findings for inform policies, programs and/or practices, and
- In some cases, conducting the research.

The application process is comprised of two steps: 1. Letter of Intent (LOI) and 2. Full Application. CIHR Team Grant proposals will be evaluated as a single, integrated entity. While each research component included in the application must be meritorious, it is critical to demonstrate that the CIHR Team Grant brings added value, in terms of the approach to improving the health of Canadians or strengthening the Canadian health care system.

**Funds Available:** There is no upper limit on the amount requested, but only applications of exceptional merit and scope will receive over \$2 million per year.

**Duration of Projects:** Support for a maximum duration of 5 years, and may be renewed subject to competition and peer review.

Teams invited to submit full applications may be offered development grants of up to \$10,000 if requested at the LOI stage.

This is general information only for the purposes of alerting Ryerson faculty to this CIHR announcement, researchers are strongly advised to review the specific details on the objectives, eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria and application guidelines in advance of a decision to submit the Letter of Intent. The application requires a significant input of time to prepare the narrative and obtain supporting documentation. **Researchers who are contemplating leading an application must contact ORS by October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

These details will be found on the CIHR website at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28262.html>

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## SSHRC - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_index\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_index_e.asp)

### Northern Research Development Program

**Deadlines:** November 1, 2005. (Please note that both the application and CV Web forms will soon be made available)

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/northern\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_e.asp)

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) wishes to inform all CAURA members of the second competition (2005) for The Northern Research Development program. The NRDP responds to the current state of Canadian research in and on the North. The objectives are to:

- Support revitalization of existing research and research-related activities;
- Support the development of new programs of research and research-related activities in the North;
- Provide opportunities for training students as future researchers;
- Expand the capacity of individual researchers, research groups and institutions to conduct research in the North; and,
- Support research and related activities that meet the needs of northern residents by involving them in the research process.

If you have any additional questions about program requirements, please contact the following program officer:  
Luc Lebrun - tel: (613-947-9652);  
e-mail: [luc.lebrun@sshrc.ca](mailto:luc.lebrun@sshrc.ca)

## Strategic Research Clusters Development Grants

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/cluster\\_development\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cluster_development_e.asp)

**Application deadline is:** December 1, 2005.

SSHRC invites applications only from teams that did not receive a grant in the 2004 Strategic Research Clusters Design grants competition. Those teams that were successful in the earlier competition have received invitations to apply for interim support.

Council hopes to secure the financial resources with which to fund a large-scale, ongoing research clusters program.

The Strategic Research Clusters Development Grants program seeks to:

- sustain the momentum of the Strategic Research Clusters Design Grants pilot program;
- showcase the ability of research clusters to add value to research;
- encourage the ongoing shift in Canadian research towards greater connectivity in the interest of greater impact and international reach;
- engage Canada's social sciences and humanities research community to identify key areas of research that will benefit from support as strategic research clusters;
- foster, in these key areas, networking, interaction and synergies that will facilitate the creation and application of new knowledge.

For the purposes of this program, a strategic research cluster is a national network of researchers in the social sciences and/or humanities that fosters collaboration or otherwise contributes to a particular issue, theme or content area.

The program offers one-year grants worth up to \$25,000.

If you have any additional questions about program requirements, please contact the following program officer:  
**Mathieu Ravnat** – tel: (613) 947-3724;  
e-mail: [mathieu.ravnat@sshrc.ca](mailto:mathieu.ravnat@sshrc.ca)

## Research Communications Grants Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada

For more details about the program please visit:

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/conferences\\_e.asp#1](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp#1)

**Application deadline is:** November 1, 2005.

The broad purpose of this program is to support workshops and conferences held in Canada that will facilitate the transfer of research results within and between disciplines and among Canadian and international researchers.

The program's specific objectives are to:

- advance research and scholarship on issues of intellectual, cultural and social importance by facilitating direct interaction among researchers and students, both from Canada and abroad;
- promote research linkages among disciplines and across institutions, sectors and regions; and
- enhance the visibility and profile of social sciences and humanities research.

If you have any additional questions about program requirements, please contact the following program officer:  
Suzanne Dagenais - tel: (613) 943-1147;  
e-mail: [suzanne.dagenais@sshrc.ca](mailto:suzanne.dagenais@sshrc.ca)

For more details about the program please visit:

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/conferences\\_e.asp#1](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp#1)

## AGENCY DEADLINES

Agency deadline dates in the Research Opportunities Newsletter have been obtained from the agency website and are subject to change. Please double-check agency websites for current deadline dates.

## SSHRC - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_index\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_index_e.asp)

### Research/Creation Grants in Fine Arts for Artist-Researchers Affiliated with Canadian Postsecondary Institutions A Pilot Program

For more details about the program please visit:

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/fine\\_arts\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/fine_arts_e.asp)

#### Application deadline: TBD

The program invites artist-researchers affiliated with Canadian postsecondary institutions to apply for research grants of up to three years' duration to support research/creation. An artist-researcher is defined as a member of the faculty of a Canadian postsecondary institution whose work involves research, the creation of works of art, and the training of undergraduate and/or graduate students. Where the institution agrees, this category includes adjunct, part-time, sessional and emeritus faculty as well as university-employed curators, so long as these individuals meet the requirements of the definition.

Research/creation refers to any research activity or approach to research that forms an essential part of a creative process or artistic discipline and that directly fosters the creation of literary/artistic works. The research must address clear research questions, offer theoretical contextualization within the relevant field or fields of literary/artistic inquiry, and present a well considered methodological approach. Both the research and the resulting literary/artistic works must meet peer standards of excellence and be suitable for publication, public performance or viewing.

If you have any additional questions about program requirements, please contact the following senior program officer: Craig McNaughton - tel.: (613) 943-1149; e-mail: [craig.mcnaughton@sshrc.ca](mailto:craig.mcnaughton@sshrc.ca).

## Sport Participation Research Initiative

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/sport\\_can\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/sport_can_e.asp)

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) in partnership with the Sport Canada program of the Department of Canadian Heritage, wishes to inform all CAURA members of the first competition for the Sport Participation Research Initiative.

The present joint research initiative supports this program by funding selected doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers and university-affiliated researchers to conduct research on matters related to participation in sport in Canada.

Application deadlines:

- Research Grants - October 15, 2005
- Doctoral Award Supplements - For applicants registered at a Canadian university, the university sets the deadline; for all others, November 15, 2005

If you have any additional questions about program requirements, please contact the following program officer: Luc Lebrun - tel: (613-947-9652); e-mail: [luc.lebrun@sshrc.ca](mailto:luc.lebrun@sshrc.ca)

### Message from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada:

To: Individual researchers and small research teams affiliated with Canadian postsecondary institutions

#### The following is a notice that a second competition under the INE Crossing Boundaries Research Initiative program will be held this year.

Deadline for submitting applications is November 25, 2005. The program description and forms are available on SSHRC's web site at the following link:

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/ine/boundaries\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/ine/boundaries_e.asp)

If you have any additional questions about program requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Samy Agha at 613-992-5353 or [Samy.Agha@sshrc.ca](mailto:Samy.Agha@sshrc.ca).

## Initiative on the New Economy Crossing Boundaries Research Initiative

[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/ine/boundaries\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/ine/boundaries_e.asp)

Next Application Deadline: November 25, 2005

Value: Up to \$125,000

A Strategic Joint Initiative of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Crossing Boundaries National Council, in partnership with the Public Policy Forum and the KTA Centre for Collaborative Governance.

#### Objectives

The Crossing Boundaries Research Initiative promotes and supports policy-relevant research on key issues and options relevant to the following themes: **improving government accountability, and; increasing Aboriginal social capital.**

#### Description

Applicants must restrict their proposals to research issues or questions outlined under either research theme 1 or research theme 2—not both. In addition, applicants must indicate clearly which issues, question or sub-theme they propose to address. Successful applicants carry out work on their chosen theme in three phases: preparing and submitting the research paper, organizing national consultations, and holding a national symposium. Please address questions about the Crossing Boundaries Research Initiative to:

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## OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CENTRE FOR ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH

#### 2006 Hewton Memorial Bursaries for Archival Research

**Deadline: November 30, 2005**

CAMH offers two bursaries annually (to a maximum of \$2,500 each) to provide financial assistance to students and scholars who propose to undertake archival research on an aspect of the history of psychiatry or other mental health or addiction services in Canada. Although the applicants need not be affiliated with an academic institution preference may be given to post-graduate students.

There is no application form. Candidates should provide a letter with a synopsis of their research interest; a proposed budget and a resume. The precise details and guidelines can be obtained by contacting the Archivist [John Court@camh.net](mailto:John_Court@camh.net)

### ONTARIO RESPIRATORY CARE SOCIETY Research Grants

**Deadline: November 1**

<http://www.on.lung.ca/orcs/grants.html>

The objective of this fund is to promote research regarding any field of acute or chronic lung disease. Research may include investigation of any phenomenon pertinent to illness assessment, management, or responses of the individual with a respiratory condition. Research may also be aimed at health promotion, education and prevention issues. Studies may use quantitative or qualitative methodologies.

There are specific eligibility requirements however the principal investigator must be in one of the following disciplines: nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, pulmonary function technology, speech/language pathology, social work, dietetics or pharmacy.

For details on eligibility, guidelines and the application form go to the ORCS website at

<http://www.on.lung.ca/orcs/grants.html>.

### CANADIAN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

#### 2005 Research Project Grant Program Call for Proposals

**Deadline: November 7, 2005**

[http://www.cbcbf.org/ontario/fund/research/pop\\_apply.html](http://www.cbcbf.org/ontario/fund/research/pop_apply.html)

**Grant Program Objectives:** To support scientifically meritorious and innovative research projects across a broad spectrum of research disciplines and methodologies. Proposed projects must relate to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's mission, demonstrate direct impact on the issue of breast cancer and include strategies for knowledge transfer.

**Eligibility:** Canadian citizens or residents based in Ontario and affiliated with not-for-profit research, education and/or health care organizations in the Province of Ontario.

**Focus:** May be in one or more of the following areas:

- Biology of Breast Cancer
- Etiology
- Primary Prevention
- Early Detection, Diagnosis, Prognosis
- Treatment
- Cancer Control, Survivorship, Outcomes Research
- Scientific Model Systems

**Grant Size/Duration:** Grants may be awarded for a period of up to three years. Annual budget may not exceed \$150,000. Total budget may not exceed \$450,000.

Further details together with the application forms and guidelines can be found on the CBCF website:

[http://www.cbcbf.org/ontario/fund/research/pop\\_apply.html](http://www.cbcbf.org/ontario/fund/research/pop_apply.html)

## AGENCY DEADLINES

Agency deadline dates in the Research Opportunities Newsletter have been obtained from the agency website and are subject to change. Please double-check agency websites for current deadline dates.

### KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

#### Biomedical Research Grants

**Deadline: October 15**

<http://www.kidney.ca/english/research/biomed-funding-03.htm>

The KFOC encourages research that may further current knowledge pertaining to the kidney and urinary tract. Biomedical Research (Operating) Grants provide financial support to medical researchers to assist in defraying the operating costs of research, which may include the purchase and maintenance of experimental animals, the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment and the payment of laboratory assistants.

Grants are available for one, two or three years, commencing July 1, for up to \$50,000 per year. The research must be carried out in Canada.

### KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA KRESCENT New Investigator Award/ Post-Doctoral Fellowships & Doctoral Scholarship for Allied Health Professionals

**Deadline: November 1, 2005**

<http://kidney.ca/Krescent/apply.asp>

The KRESCENT program is open to applicants, from all disciplines relevant to kidney disease (i.e. health services and population health disciplines, biomedical and clinical) in the following categories:

**New Investigator Awards:** open to researchers, within the first two years of their first faculty appointment (assistant professor level or equivalent) at the time the Award commences, at a Canadian University, who have a MD and/or PhD.

**Post Doctoral Fellowship:** includes MDs and Post-Doctoral Ph.D.

**Doctoral Scholarship for Allied Health Professionals:** open to allied health professionals (including but not limited to, nurses, psychologists, social workers, dialysis technicians, dieticians, physiotherapists, pharmacists and occupational therapists) who are enrolled in PhD courses at a Canadian university

For detailed eligibility criteria please see the eligibility section for the various programs guidelines at <http://kidney.ca/Krescent/apply.asp>

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## OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

### OCE Inc./MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING ONTARIO Collaborative Research Program Deadline: October 31, 2005

[http://www.mmo.on.ca/collaborative\\_proposals.htm](http://www.mmo.on.ca/collaborative_proposals.htm)

The Directed Collaborative Research Program promotes partnerships between industry, universities and MMO. Research is conducted in both industrial locations and Ontario universities, with significant cash and in-kind support provided by industry. Projects focus on the development of science and technology, which can be readily or immediately applied in industry.

Collaborating Ontario companies must be willing to fund 50% of the value of the research project in cash and in-kind, working with an Ontario university and a full-time faculty member (s) whose work will be funded, in whole or in part, by MMO.

**Application Procedure:** An application form must be requested from an MMO staff member, who will arrange to have it provided after preliminary discussions confirm the applicability of the MMO Directed Collaborative Research Program to the proposed project.

The application should be developed with the assistance of an MMO staff member and will be submitted jointly by a company and a university faculty member (project leader).

Criteria for awards are laid out in the guidelines and application form, and include the quality of the engineering and science and industrial relevance.

In order to discuss a Directed Collaborative Research Proposal and to obtain the required forms, please contact one of the following MMO staff as applicable for Ryerson faculty

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### BILATERAL RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH NORWAY

#### Second Call for Proposals Encompassing all Disciplines and Subject Areas

Deadline: October 13, 2005

<http://www.emb-norway.ca/education/FoU/news/leiveriksson.htm>

The Norwegian strategy for Scientific and Technological Cooperation with North America was launched in 2004 in an effort to increase transatlantic R&D cooperation. The Research Council of Norway (RCN) established the Bilateral Research Cooperation initiative and has issued a call for proposals for (i) mobility grants; and (ii) research grants for conducting pre-projects and seed funding to initiate collaborations.

The Leiv Eiriksson Mobility Programme supports Outbound Mobility (from Norway to Canada) and Inbound Mobility (from Canada to Norway).

Canadian researchers can access funds through the Inbound Mobility program. Canadian researchers should submit their proposal through their potential host institution in Norway. Support is granted to cover the additional costs of research stays of three to ten months' duration in Norway. Support is granted in the form of a travel subsidy, a monthly grant for operating costs, and a monthly living allowance.

Stays of three to ten months in Norway must commence after January 1st, 2006. For further information, visit <http://www.emb-norway.ca/education/FoU/news/leiveriksson.htm> and/or contact your Norwegian host institution.

### Precarn

<http://www.precarn.ca>

#### Request for Proposals: Intelligent Systems

[http://www.precarn.ca/fundingopps/index\\_en.html](http://www.precarn.ca/fundingopps/index_en.html)

#### Deadlines:

October 28, 2005 for Concept Document  
December 16, 2005 for Full Proposal

Precarn's RFP invites proposals at any time during the year, with deadlines imposed for specific steps in the approval process. All Precarn-funded projects involve the participation of at least two companies and one university, and revolve around the research and development of intelligent systems.

### Rethink Breast Cancer 2005 Call for Research Proposals Innovative Career Development Awards

[http://www.rethinkbreastcancer.com/the\\_money\\_researchawardsrethink\\_career\\_development\\_awards.html](http://www.rethinkbreastcancer.com/the_money_researchawardsrethink_career_development_awards.html)

Rethink is committed to developing an innovative grants program that addresses gaps in breast cancer research funding by national granting agencies and that can be responsive to new opportunities/initiatives within the research community.

#### Rethink is now accepting Letters of Intent (LOI) for our 2005 Call for Research.

The LOI must be emailed to [awards@rethinkbreastcancer.com](mailto:awards@rethinkbreastcancer.com) and received by midnight eastern standard time on Friday October 28, 2005. To apply, fill out the on-line LOI Application Form.



## INTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

### RYERSON SSHRC INSTITUTIONAL GRANT (SIG)

The SIG for Research and International Travel provides funds to Ryerson faculty members pursuing research in the social sciences and humanities for small research seed projects and travel assistance to faculty presenting papers at scholarly international congresses or workshops or at conferences of international learned societies. Funds for this program are provided by SSHRC, Office of Research Services, Office of International Affairs, and the Associate Vice President Academic.

### RYERSON SIG RESEARCH DEADLINE: November 15, 2005

Seed funding for projects in the Social Sciences and Humanities (funding: up to \$7,000).

### RYERSON SIG TRAVEL DEADLINE: March 15, 2006

Provides travel assistance for up to \$2,000 to faculty presenting papers in a field supported by SSHRC at scholarly international congresses or workshops outside Canada and the continental USA.

### RYERSON CREATIVE FUND DEADLINE: December 1, 2005

Provides a small number of grants up to \$5,000 support to faculty members who engage, or wish to engage, in creative activity, where it can be demonstrated that such activity is relevant to their discipline and also to encourage faculty to explore potential alternative sources of funding. Normally only full-time tenured, tenure-track, or Limited Term faculty members are eligible for support.

**Further details are available on all programs on the ORS website (forms)**

<http://www.ryerson.ca/ors/topbar/forms/index.html>

### RYERSON NEW FACULTY SRC DEVELOPMENT FUND DEADLINE: January 10, 2006

Provides up to \$10,000 funding to new faculty within the first 2 years of their tenure or probationary appointment in the Faculties of Arts, Business, Communication & Design, Community Services or the Department of Architectural Science to establish and implement an SRC program. This initiative does not fund "stand alone" projects that are not part of a larger plan.

### RYERSON INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FUND LETTER of INTENT: TBA DEADLINE: January 31, 2006

This fund is a joint initiative with the Office of International Affairs and is intended to foster international research collaborations.

The Ryerson International Research Fund (RIRF) provides seed funding to develop proposals for externally funded international research initiatives that are a priority to their academic units, and that are consistent with the stated goals and objectives of the University's Academic Plan *Learning Together 2003-2008*. Successful applicants are to use this seed funding to develop an international research project proposal at a minimum value of \$100,000. There are two awards: \$20,000 per award with required matching funds of \$10,000 cash or in-kind.

### RESEARCH DATA CENTRE FUNDING DEADLINE: April 30, 2006

To facilitate use of the Research Data Centre (RDC) a limited number of grants of up to \$2,000 are available to Ryerson PIs who have projects which utilize the RDC. Applications for funding under this program will be accepted until April 30, 2006. A maximum of one award per project will be given. In order to receive a grant, the project must first have been approved by the RDC adjudication committee and the PI must have received security clearance to access the Centre.

### RYERSON PUBLICATION FUND DEADLINE: June 1, 2006

This program is supported by a grant from the AVPA to assist faculty members in defraying the costs of publishing scholarly works which have limited market potential and to assist faculty in establishing a scholarly publication record.

Manuscript Preparation	\$1,000
Publishing Subvention	\$2,500
Learned Journal Subsidy	\$2,500
Conference Proceedings	\$2,500

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The program provides employment to full-time undergraduate Ryerson students with proven financial need in career-oriented, academically relevant, Ryerson SRC programs. Students must meet financial need guidelines and be an Ontario resident.

### SUMMER DEADLINE: February 21, 2006

Duration: mid-May to mid-August  
15 weeks, 35 hrs per wk, \$12/hr.  
Value: \$7,500 including benefits.

This program is funded from the 30% tuition increase that the provincial government mandates universities set aside for student financial assistance. 100% government funded. Students must meet financial need guidelines, be an Ontario resident and return to Ryerson for Fall/Winter semester.

### FALL/WINTER DEADLINE: May 10, 2006

Duration: September to March 23

This program is 75% ( \$1,500) funded by the Ontario government and 25% (\$500) funded by the faculty member's school/ department or research project.

Provides part-time (15 hrs/week, max 72.5 per semester for a total of 145 hrs. \$12/hr) to full-time undergraduate students.

## "Tips & Tricks"

### Community of Science (COS) Searching Tips

<http://fundingopps.cos.com>

Community of Science, which publishes more than 23,000 sources of funding, is the most comprehensive resource of funding information available on the World Wide Web for all disciplines. The number of individual awards now exceeds over 400,000 funding opportunities, for a total of \$33 billion in awards and sponsorships. International in terms of both content and audience, it alerts individual researchers to available grants from public and private-sector sources around the world, providing them with the timely, relevant, and easy-to-find information they need to secure the funding that is so vital to their work. Updated daily, COS Funding Opportunities offers all users immediate access to accurate information, freeing them to focus on their primary activity: conducting research.

A few preset searches have been created for quick results:

1. New Funding Opportunities for the Federal Granting Councils recently added to or updated in COS:

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Canada Council for the Arts

2. Research Funding Opportunities in Canada for researchers in the following disciplines (using COS keywords):

- Arts and Humanities
- Business, Management and Commerce
- Engineering
- Natural and Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Technology
- Social Sciences

These will yield a broad range of results. If you prefer to search for opportunities in a specific discipline, use the following search form and enter the appropriate information in the relevant fields:

**Particular attention should be given to the following fields**

1. **All Fields** - permits full text searching across all available text fields of the database
2. **Sponsor** - search by Sponsor name or acronym
3. **Keywords** - use COS categories to identify area(s) of research (click on "browse" button)
4. **Requirements** - refers to eligibility of applicant (select in drop down list)
5. **Citizenship or Residency Requirement** - refers to eligibility by citizenship or residency (select in drop down list)
6. **Activity Location** - refers to restrictions on location of research activity (click on "browse" button)
7. **Funding Type** - refers to the types of funding opportunities supported (select in drop down list)

Community of Science (COS) recently made some improvements to the COS Funding Opportunities search interfaces.

#### **SORTABLE SEARCH RESULTS**

Users may now sort their search results. As with the beta version, search results can be sorted by selected criteria: Relevance, Amount, Deadline, Sponsor or Title. Users will notice that the results pages now display all the sortable fields. Once users run a search, they may re-sort the results simply by clicking on the column headings.

#### **SEARCH WIZARD**

A Search Wizard has been introduced to aid those users who are new to searching interfaces. The Wizard is available from the Funding Opportunities home page,

<http://fundingopps.cos.com>

### Government of Canada's Funding Guide for International Science and Technology Cooperation

[http://fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca/home\\_e.php](http://fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca/home_e.php)

With increased globalization and international opportunities for research, the process of identifying potential sources of funding can be a time consuming exercise. The following on-line guide aims to serve as a resource for Canadian researchers and scientists. The mission of the guide is to encourage, facilitate, and promote basic and applied research.

The Guide is divided into three sections:

#### Grants and Bursaries

These grants and bursaries can be accessed directly by research scientists and those which can be accessed indirectly i.e. as partners of industry or university applicants. It contains programs which provide support for the following activities:

- Collaborative research projects
- Support for visits - from a few weeks up to one year
- Funding for workshops/seminars/conferences
- Travel support

#### Post-doctoral fellowships

These post-doctoral fellowships can be undertaken either in Canada or in a foreign organization.

#### Major international prizes

These are international prizes for which Canadian researchers may apply.

The development of this guide would not have been made possible without the Funding Guide Committee's participation.

For more details about the Funding Guide Database please visit:

[http://fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca/home\\_e.php](http://fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca/home_e.php)

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