

# VCHRI TRAINEE NEWS

Welcome to **VCHRI Trainee News**, a newsletter brought to you by the Research Education Program of VCHRI. The newsletter is designed to help VCHRI trainees stay connected to each other and to the programs and services of the VCH Research Institute. The newsletter will cover a variety of topics such as celebrating trainee achievements, upcoming funding competitions, and trainee educational opportunities. We welcome information from trainees and supervisors including announcements for the 'kudos' section such as published papers, defended theses, talks given or prizes won at meetings. Please submit items to Caroline Abramson for review at [caroline.abramson@vch.ca](mailto:caroline.abramson@vch.ca).

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## **Trainee Kudos – Anousheh Zardan**

VCHRI offers its warmest congratulations to Anousheh Zardan!

UBC has awarded Anousheh the Roman M Babicki Fellowship in Medical Research in the amount of \$20,000 for the 2008 Winter session.

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## **Travel Award – UBC students in social policy research**

In the interest of engaging UBC undergraduate and graduate students in social policy research, the Government of BC has provided funding for conference travel awards of up to \$1,500. This opportunity is fully described on the VP Research site at <http://www.research.ubc.ca/forms.aspx>, the last entry on the page. The Terms of reference (PDF) and nomination form (MS Word) are available there as is a link to the detailed document that describes many of the areas of interest to the funders.

At least 31 of these awards will be available in the 2008-2009 academic year.

**Application deadline: December 1, 2008.**

An internal competition will be held for these awards and the results will be available by the end of December, 2008. The report or presentation material resulting from each award will have to be submitted by August 31, 2009 so that a report can be sent to the government on the results of this program.

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## **Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon: Junior personnel awards**

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon is a major funder of cardiovascular research in BC. Along with its Grants-in-Aid Program, the Foundation provides funding to outstanding cardiovascular researchers at all stages of their careers through its Personnel Support Program. The deadline for the following two Junior Personnel Awards is November 1st, 2008.

- **Doctoral Research Award:** Available to highly qualified graduate students enrolled in a PhD program who are undertaking full-time research training in the cardiovascular or cerebrovascular fields.
- **Research Fellowship:** An "in-training" award to support young investigators with a professional degree (PhD, MD, BM, DVM or equivalent) in initiating and/or continuing research in cardiovascular or cerebrovascular fields.

For guidelines and application form, visit the Heart and Stroke Foundation website at:

<http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/open-competitions/personnel-support-program.html>

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## PEO Scholarships – for women only

The P.E.O. is an international organization that raises funds to support women's education ([www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)). The P.E.O. Scholar Awards are a one time, merit based award of \$15,000 for women who are pursuing a doctoral degree or postgraduate study or research at an accredited college or university. Priority is given to women who are well established in their programs and who will make significant contributions in their varied fields of endeavour. They must demonstrate academic excellence, maturity and have clearly defined career objectives. To be eligible candidates must be nominated by a local P.E.O. chapter between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and must also be:

- a U.S. or Canadian citizen at the time of nomination;
- a full-time student at an accredited college or university;
- within 2 years of completing her degree or program with at least one academic year remaining from the date of the award (August 1<sup>st</sup>);

Applications of individuals who satisfy these eligibility criteria will be evaluated on a non-discriminatory basis without consideration of race, national origin, religious affiliation or disability. If interested please send your CV and cover letter to Dr. Susan Moore, B.C. Scholar Award Chairman at [scmoore@telus.net](mailto:scmoore@telus.net).

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## CIHR Launches Prestigious Programs

The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry has announced the implementation of a new and prestigious program that aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students: the **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) Program**. This program aims to support students who demonstrate a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies and leadership skills. Vanier CGS nominees will be evaluated by agency-specific multidisciplinary Peer Review Committees that will forward selected nominations to a blue-ribbon independent Inter-Agency Selection Board. The Board will recommend Vanier CGS recipients, and will comprise world-renown Canadian and international experts.

The Canada Graduate Scholarship Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-FSS) Program is a Tri-Agency (SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR) program that will support high-calibre Canadian graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada. By accessing international scientific research and training, CGS-FSS recipients will contribute to strengthening the potential for collaboration between Canadian universities and affiliated research institutions and universities or other research institutions outside of Canada.

To view these opportunities, please use the CIHR Funding Opportunity Database

(<http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/search.do?fodAgency=CIHR&fodLanguage=E&all=1&search=true&org=CIHR&sort=program&masterList=true&view=currentOpps>).

Simply select "**Doctoral Research Award: Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (2008-2009)**" and "**Other: Canada Graduate Scholarships – Foreign Study Supplement (2008-2009)**" from the list which is sorted alphabetically.

The deadline has past for Canadian citizens; however the deadline for institutions to submit applications from **international students** to CIHR is November 14, 2008. Please note that international students applying to the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship program are required to submit their application to the Canadian institution where they plan to pursue full-time doctoral studies. Applications from international students must be submitted using CIHR Web Forms. Refer to the "[How to Apply](#)" section of this funding opportunity for further details.

Please direct specific inquiries on the funding opportunity to the contact person listed at the bottom of the funding opportunity.

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## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

### Invitation to COS (Community of Scholars) Database Training Workshop

Karen Hinton of Proquest will be offering training on the suite of COS (Community of Scholars) research tools that the UBC Library, in partnership with the UBC Office of Research Services, has recently acquired on behalf of the UBC community.

**When/Where:** Tuesday, November 4, 2008; 3:00 - 5:00pm, Koerner Library, Room 217.

Register for the session here: <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/booking/description.cfm?sessionid=6145>

The COS suite of research databases include the following:

- COS Funding Opportunities, the world's largest compendium of available funding sources, with more than 25,000 current opportunities for grants, fellowships, and awards: <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/resources/infopage.cfm?id=1251>
- COS Scholar Universe, an editorially controlled, keyword-searchable database with nearly 2 million profiles of scholars: <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/resources/infopage.cfm?id=1446>
- COS Papers Invited, a database of calls for papers for conferences and journal special editions: <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/resources/infopage.cfm?id=1067>
- COS Expertise, a profile management system that enables institutions to keep track of their faculty's expertise and research work, with first-person profiles maintained by the faculty themselves: <http://toby.library.ubc.ca/resources/infopage.cfm?id=1447>

**Stem Cell Network - [Therapeutic Potential of Stem Cells](#)**

Learn about the latest advances and ethical issues in stem cell research and their clinical potential. Discuss ongoing stem cell clinical trials and potential clinical applications with experts. Network with the Canadian stem cell clinician and research community. This is a CME accredited event.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2008

**Location:** Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Center

For conference details and to register, please contact Sophie Chargé at [scharge@stemcellnetwork.ca](mailto:scharge@stemcellnetwork.ca) or 613-739-6672

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