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## ASKING AN ANSWERABLE RESEARCH QUESTION

Dedicating time to developing a manageable and specific research question at the beginning of your research project is the easiest way to avoid future frustrations. The following steps will help make the process easier:

1. Write down your objectives and work backwards to identify what questions need to be answered;
2. Keep your questions simple and specific. If your topic is more complex, break it down into multiple questions;
3. Review the existing evidence by reading the scientific literature and talking to experts. As you review the literature answer the following questions:
  - What is already known about your topic?
  - Are there gaps in what is known?
  - What will your question add?
4. Continually refine your question(s) based on new information but always refer back to your objectives.

If you need help getting started, or at any stage of the research process, please don't hesitate to request a consultation with a member of the Research Capacity-building team by using the "Request for Consultation" form on our web site:

[http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity\\_building.htm](http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity_building.htm)

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Over the past year a devoted team of research and health professionals have been working diligently on a variety of projects to increase research capacity at VIHA including the following:

1. The upcoming collaborative workshop, *Qualitative Health Research - What's the Point?* is May 17<sup>th</sup>. This workshop is the second in a four-part collaborative workshop series co-hosted by Research & Academic Development at VIHA, the Centre on Aging at UVic and the BC Network for Aging Research (BCNAR). *See page 3 for workshop details.*
  2. The first wave of our VIHA-wide Research Survey has just been completed by Management. The goal of the survey is to identify the supports and barriers to using research in practice. In the second wave, we are asking for input from all VIHA staff interested in research. *See page 2 for details on how you can participate in our Research survey.*
  3. The team has also developed this monthly newsletter and the funding opportunity database. The subscription rate for this newsletter has grown 200%, from 10 to almost 200 subscribers in just 2 issues.
- Over the next year we will integrate your feedback from the survey into our capacity-building efforts. Stay tuned for new initiatives as we begin our second year of operation.

Interested in a Customized Research Skill Development workshop?  
See page 3 for more details

## PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF RESEARCH SURVEY

The research capacity building team is requesting your help and input by completing our needs assessment survey. The goal is to get your views on supports and barriers to research and your current use of research evidence.

The first wave of the survey was distributed to management in April. In this second wave, we are asking for thoughts and experiences of individual professional staff members, to help guide our activities as we develop strategies to help build research capacity at VIHA. Your responses to the survey will remain anonymous and we will only present aggregate data.

- You can complete the survey directly on the internet by clicking on the following link:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=721632037824>

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the survey lead, Corinne Dulberg: [corinne.dulberg@viha.ca](mailto:corinne.dulberg@viha.ca)

## LIBRARY SERVICES

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, the new provincial electronic library consortium was launched. This historic initiative provides all VIHA staff with equitable access to a suite of resources including abstracting and indexing for 9,300 journals, 1,700 full-text journals, 360,000 records to evidence-based reviews, and access to MEDLINE. Now all VIHA staff have timely access to relevant and reliable health information to make informed health care decisions. This is a critical step towards the improvement of health outcomes, the enhancement of the quality of care, and capacity building in health research and education.

**To access the full-text e-journals:**

<http://www.viha.ca/library/south/journals/>

**To access the databases:**

<http://www.viha.ca/library/north/databases/>

<http://www.viha.ca/library/south/databases/>

**For offsite access:**

[http://intranet.viha.ca/library/south/offsite\\_access.htm](http://intranet.viha.ca/library/south/offsite_access.htm)

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## CUSTOMIZED RESEARCH SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

With over 16,000 health care professionals, technicians, and support staff working within VIHA, the research learning needs of VIHA staff are incredibly diverse. We believe that the best learning occurs when people are ready to learn and when the information is applicable and stimulating to the learners. This is why we are offering customized research skill development workshops. Whether you want to critically evaluate evidence or write grant proposals, we will develop a workshop especially for your small group. If you are interested in learning more about a customized research workshop for your small group please visit our web site: [http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity\\_building.htm](http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity_building.htm) and submit the "Request for Customized Workshop" form to [lori.wagar@viha.ca](mailto:lori.wagar@viha.ca)

## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH WORKSHOP SERIES

### **QUALITATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH - WHAT'S THE POINT?**

Wednesday, May 17

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

University of Victoria

MacLaurin Building, David Lam Auditorium

Join us for the second in a series of workshops designed to foster collaborative health research. It is not a "how-to" tutorial; instead, the goal of this session is to provide attendees with **an appreciation for the use of qualitative methods in health research.**

Contact Reba Chaplin, [rchaplin@uvic.ca](mailto:rchaplin@uvic.ca) for more details.

## CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAM 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

**Research funding is available**  
**Application Deadline: 3 p.m. on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

The Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children has recently provided up to \$75,000 to fund research projects to be carried out during 2006/2007

To be eligible to acquire some of these funds a project must meet the following goals:

1. Promote and develop research excellence within the staff of the Child, Youth and Family Health program within VIHA.
2. Must involve VIHA staff members as researchers.
3. Enhance and develop new innovative or improved treatments for children with special health, social, cognitive, physical, or behavioural needs.
4. Improve the knowledge and understanding of the changing needs of children and families served by VIHA.

For more information please contact Michael Joschko, Ph.D., at [michael.joschko@viha.ca](mailto:michael.joschko@viha.ca)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

#### [Gendered Data Directory](#)

May 5, 2006, 11am-1pm  
University of Victoria, BC

#### [AGING, AGEISM and ABUSE: MOVING FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION](#)

May 11-12, 2006  
Vancouver, BC

#### [Canadian Public Health Association's 97th Annual Conference: What Determines the Public's Health?](#)

May 28-31, 2006  
Vancouver, BC

### June

#### [Living in our Environment: The Promise of International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health](#)

June 5-7, 2006  
Vancouver, BC

#### [National Healthcare Leadership Conference Navigating the Health System: Data, Dollars & Decisions](#)

June 12-13, 2006  
Victoria, BC

#### [2006 Canadian Pain Society Conference](#)

June 14 - 17, 2006  
Edmonton, AB

Women's Health  
Research Network 2006  
Summer Institute  
June 14-15, 2006  
Vancouver, BC

Contact the WHRN  
[Provincial Networking Coordinator](#) for more information

#### [CYHRNet Workshop: Health Economics for Researchers: Emphasis on Child and Youth Health Research](#)

June 16, 2006,  
Kelowna, BC

#### [Better Analysis for Better Decisions: Bridging the Gap between Economic Evaluation and Healthcare Decision-Making](#)

June 19 & 20, 2006  
Hamilton, ON

### July

#### [2006 Schizophrenia Society of Canada National Conference](#)

July 1-15, 2006  
Winnipeg, MB

#### [Translating Research into Practice and Policy Conference](#)

July 10-12, 2006  
Washington, D.C.

### September

#### [2006 CHSRF Primary Healthcare Network National Symposium](#)

Sustaining Primary  
Healthcare Renewal  
September 19-20: 2006  
Abstract deadline: March  
31st  
Vancouver, BC

#### [Canadian Association for Health Services and](#)

#### [Policy Research](#)

[Conference](#): Insight,  
Interaction and  
Innovation  
September 17-19, 2006  
Abstract deadline: Mar  
31st  
Vancouver, BC

### October

#### [Canadian Association on Gerontology \(CAG\)](#)

Acknowledging our past,  
Building our future:  
Evidence-based practice  
in aging"  
October 26-28, 2006  
Quebec City, QC

#### [Rural & Remote Health: Taking action together](#)

**Abstract deadline May 2**  
October 19-21, 2006  
Prince George, BC

### November

#### [Nursing Research Conference, Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing](#)

Abstract deadline: June 9  
November 15-18, 2006  
Victoria, BC

#### [Research Use Week \(West\), Canadian Health Services Research Foundation](#)

November 20-23, 2006  
Edmonton, AB

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# Research & Academic Development Consulting Services: Request for Customized Research Skill Development Workshop

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Skill you would like covered:

- |                                 |                          |                            |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Literature review               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Data management            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Critical analysis of literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | Statistical analysis       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Study design                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Result write-up            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Analysis plan                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grant proposal preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Areas of interest or research question:

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Number of attendees (approximately) \_\_\_\_\_

## Describe attendees and research background

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Desired location: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible dates for initial consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired dates for workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed form to [lori.wagar@viha.ca](mailto:lori.wagar@viha.ca) or fax it to 250-370-8106 Attention: Lori Wagar

Funding Agency	Name of Grant	Description	Length of funding (years)	Total Funding	Registration/Letter of Intent due	Full Application due	Web site
BC Medical Services Foundation	Research	Funding is directed towards projects that will have a direct impact on health and health care in BC with a particular interest in rural and remote health and health care and value submissions from all regions of the province. Studies/projects/investigations that apply research methodology to health, the provision of health care and current practical clinical problems, population health, or health systems or services will be considered.	5	\$ 50,000	8 weeks before full grant application	First Friday in January, April and September	<a href="http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMRResearchFund.shtml">http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMRResearchFund.shtml</a>
BC Medical Services Foundation	Development	Development grants of up to \$5000 are occasionally provided to researchers in a college, clinical or community-based setting to help them a) develop a full research proposal or b) conduct a small pilot to test the efficacy of a research project (e.g., recruitment, methods, instruments, etc.). A recipient of a development grant is eligible to reapply for the full research project.	Not specified	\$ 5,000	9 weeks before full grant application	First Friday in January, April and September	<a href="http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMRResearchFund.shtml">http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC%20Medical/BCMRResearchFund.shtml</a>
BC Mental Health and Addictions Research Network	Development Funds	Development of collaborative, multidisciplinary research teams, through networking and brainstorming activities □ Development of an application for external funding (the funding agency/program, competition deadline, and magnitude of funding sought must be specified)	Not specified	\$ 3,500	Not required	Anytime	<a href="http://www.mhainet.ca/docs/See_d_Grant_Application.pdf">http://www.mhainet.ca/docs/See_d_Grant_Application.pdf</a>
BC Mental Health and Addictions Research Network	Seed grants	Foundational or exploratory work to develop rationales for research questions, experiments or methods □ Preliminary testing of methods or hypotheses □ Collection of pilot data to determine feasibility of new or risky research directions	Not specified	\$ 7,500	Not required	June 1, October 1, April 1	<a href="http://www.mhainet.ca/docs/See_d_Grant_Application.pdf">http://www.mhainet.ca/docs/See_d_Grant_Application.pdf</a>
BC Mental Health and Addictions Research Network	Travel bursary	Allowable expenses under this program are travel and conference registration fees.	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	June 1, October 1, February 1	<a href="http://www.mhainet.ca/docs/TRA VEL_BURSARY_APPLICATION_FOR_M.doc">http://www.mhainet.ca/docs/TRA VEL_BURSARY_APPLICATION_FOR_M.doc</a>
BC Network for Aging Research	Annual BCNAR Seed Grants	A limited amount of seed funding is available from the BC Network for Aging Research to assist BC-based researchers, working in the area of aging and health, to develop grant applications. These seed funds may be utilized for: 1) research team development (linking academic researchers with each other and/or with community-based researchers) in preparation for submitting an application for research funding or 2) conducting exploratory work to test research questions/methods or collect pilot data to support an application for research funding.	Not specified	\$ 3,500	Not required	TBD	<a href="http://www.aginghealthresearch.ca/documents/BCNARSeedGrantGuidelines2006_00.pdf">http://www.aginghealthresearch.ca/documents/BCNARSeedGrantGuidelines2006_00.pdf</a>
BC Occupational and Environmental Health Research Network	Research Capacity Development Grant	The BC Environmental and Occupational Health Research Network (BCEOHRN) was established in 2005 by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research to increase the capacity for and success of British Columbia environmental and occupational health researchers. Our Research Capacity Development Grants have two purposes: 1. To help new researchers (which includes post-secondary students) develop nationally competitive research proposals; 2. To help develop new research teams that will be able to successfully compete for research funds at the national and international level.	Not specified	\$ 10,000	Not required	1-Oct-06	<a href="http://www.bceohrn.ca/opportunities-funding.html">http://www.bceohrn.ca/opportunities-funding.html</a>

BC Occupational and Environmental Health Research Network	BCEOHRN Networking Facilitation Fund Grant	The BC Environmental and Occupational Health Research Network provides funding for networking facilitation for its members to a maximum of \$2,500. This fund is to assist BCEOHRN members to network in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to bringing together BCEOHRN members for the preparation of research grant applications to national or international granting agencies, relevant to environmental and occupational health research themes. Costs may include travel, teleconferencing/videoconferencing, facilitation, etc.	Not specified	\$ 2,500	Not required	1st or 15th of each month	<a href="http://www.bceohrn.ca/opportunities-funding.html">http://www.bceohrn.ca/opportunities-funding.html</a>
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	Infrastructure Operating Fund	The Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF) is designed to contribute to the incremental operating and maintenance costs of infrastructure projects funded by the CFI.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	June 15 (annually)	<a href="http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?webseid=59">http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?webseid=59</a>
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	National Platform Fund	The National Platforms Fund provides generic research infrastructure, resources, services, and facilities that serve the needs of many research subjects and disciplines, and that require periodic reinvestments because of the nature of the technologies. The Fund is being established to fund High Performance Computing infrastructure, and may prove to be the best vehicle to fund other types of generic infrastructure at a later date.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	To be decided	<a href="http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?webseid=403">http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?webseid=403</a>
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)	Research Hospital Fund	To address today's and tomorrow's health challenges, support is needed for research that will lead to groundbreaking discoveries and knowledge that can be translated quickly and effectively into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products, and a better health care system. Research hospitals are meeting these transformative challenges by forming new multidisciplinary and problem-oriented structures. To tackle research that is increasingly multidisciplinary and sophisticated, to translate research results in a timely fashion and to compete at the forefront in this area, Canada's research-hospital community requires, among other things, access to state-of-the-art research infrastructure. The Research Hospital Fund (RHF) is designed to meet these infrastructure needs.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	To be decided	<a href="http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?webseid=274">http://www.innovation.ca/programs/index.cfm?webseid=274</a>
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGYS	Operating grant	Research may be basic or clinical science, or any other form of health research related to these two topics as long as it falls in the broad definition of gastroenterology. * Gastrointestinal motility (upper or lower GI tract) * Helicobacter pylori	2	\$ 90,000	Not required	15-Oct	<a href="http://www.cag-acg.org/research/cag_abbott_operating_grant.htm">http://www.cag-acg.org/research/cag_abbott_operating_grant.htm</a>
Canadian Blood Services	Innovations in Blood Services Delivery – Kenneth J. Fyke Award	In order to honour the contributions of Kenneth J. Fyke, the founding Chair of the Canadian Blood Services Board of Directors, an award has been established in his name to support a research or innovation pilot project in health services delivery as it pertains to the blood system in Canada. This includes blood operations, blood utilization/conservation and the use of blood alternatives.	50,000	Not specified	Not required	29-Sep-06	<a href="http://www.bloodservices.ca/CentreApps/Internet/UW_V502_MainEngine.nsf/page/E_KenFykeAward?OpenDocument">http://www.bloodservices.ca/CentreApps/Internet/UW_V502_MainEngine.nsf/page/E_KenFykeAward?OpenDocument</a>
Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	Knowledge Translation Linkage Grants	The KT-linkage Grants focus on the developmental phase of a research project. They are intended to facilitate linkage with relevant stakeholders(s) in order to define the research questions and methodology in such a way that is most relevant to the potential users of the research results.	1	\$ 10,000	Not required	November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearch/program/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other#KTA">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearch/program/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_other#KTA</a>

Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	DEVELOPMENTAL AND EXPLORATORY (DEX) GRANTS	The DEX research grants will support innovative exploratory projects or pilot studies in the areas of behavioural, health services, legal/ethical/social/policy and psychosocial research that has the potential to improve breast cancer control or quality of life. Applications are invited from all sectors of the breast cancer care or research continuum, from community-based groups to established researchers. DEX research grants will support small-scale short-term pilot studies or investigation of concepts to permit the investigator to explore or test out new ideas or research methods.	2	\$ 100,000	Not required	November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/forapplicants/programdescription/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/forapplicants/programdescription/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English</a>
Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	IDEA GRANTS	CBCRA's IDEA grants support innovative, new research ideas that are speculative, but have the potential for advancing scientific knowledge. They will support small-scale pilot studies or investigations of concepts to permit the investigator to test out new ideas, which, although based on good science, are outside of existing conventional research paradigms and could be deemed speculative.	2	\$ 200,000	Not required	November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/forapplicants/programdescription/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/forapplicants/programdescription/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English</a>
Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	Knowledge Translation Supplement Grants	KT-supplement grants focus on the end of the research project when it is appropriate to disseminate the results of the research to the potential users beyond the traditional scientific community and using methods supplementary and in addition to publication in standard scientific journals	1	\$ 10,000	Not required	November 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/forapplicants/programdescription/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcraresearchprogram/forapplicants/programdescription/default.asp?load=program_other&amp;language=English</a>
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Clinic Incentive Award	Clinic Incentive grants are intended to enhance the standard of clinical care available to Canadians with cystic fibrosis, by providing funds to initiate a comprehensive program for CF patient care, research, and teaching; or to strengthen an existing program. Basic support for clinical care is the responsibility of	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	3-Oct-06	<a href="http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87">http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87</a>
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Research	Research grants are intended to assist the scientific study of all aspects of cystic fibrosis. A principal investigator should hold a recognized, full-time faculty appointment in a relevant discipline at a Canadian university or hospital.	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	01-Oct-06	<a href="http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=217">http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=217</a>
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Conference Grants	Grants to support small conferences that focus on subjects of direct relevance to cystic fibrosis. These grants typically supplement other funding sources.	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87">http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87</a>
Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Inter-clinic exchanges	Grants to assist the exchange of special expertise between larger, university-based CF clinics and smaller, more remote clinics. Requests of this type will involve fewer individuals than a medical/scientific conference	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87">http://www.ccff.ca/page.asp?id=87</a>
Canadian Hypertension Society	Solvay/CHS travel award	Aids CHS investigators in acquiring new techniques/expertise by visiting host laboratories	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	December 15, 2006.	<a href="http://www.hypertension.ca/index_Research_va.html">http://www.hypertension.ca/index_Research_va.html</a>
Canadian Institutes for Health Research	Operating Grant	The objective of the CIHR Operating Grants program is to contribute to the creation, dissemination and use of health-related knowledge, and to help develop and maintain Canadian health research capacity, by supporting original, high quality projects proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers, in all areas of health research.	up to 5 years	Not specified	15-Aug-06	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/</a>

Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)/Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA)	Operating Grants	The objective of the CIHR/CBCRA Operating Grant is to fund research that has relevance for prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation for people impacted by breast cancer.	Not specified	Not specified	15-Aug-06	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcra_research_program/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_grants#grants">http://www.breastcancer.ca/cbcra_research_program/for_applicants/program_description/default.asp?load=program_grants#grants</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	International Opportunities Program - Collaborative Research Project Grants	IOP - Collaborative Research Project Grants enable Canadian researchers to participate in international research projects approved for funding by foreign entities, but, Canadian participants are not eligible for the foreign support and are required to secure their own funding in order to participate in the research collaboration.	1	\$ 100,000	15-Aug-06	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30802.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30802.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	International Opportunities Program - Development/Planning Grants	IOP - Development/Planning Grants assist Canadian researchers to explore, develop and establish new international collaborations with foreign researchers. These one-time grants support Canadian participation in the initial (pre-research) stages of international cooperation, and developmental activities (e.g. workshops, seminars, and planning meetings) designed to lead to new international collaborations.	1	\$ 25,000	15-Aug-06	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30812.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/30812.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Operating grant	The objective of the CIHR Operating Grants program is to contribute to the creation, dissemination and use of health-related knowledge, and to help develop and maintain Canadian health research capacity, by supporting original, high quality projects proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers, in all areas of health research.	2 - 5 years	Not specified	Not required	September 15, 2006	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22377.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22377.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Operating Grants - Industry-Partnered	CIHR Industry-Partnered Operating Grants provide support for research projects by an individual or small group of investigators. The applicant must secure the sponsorship of an eligible company before a registration can be submitted.	Not specified	Not specified	May 15; July 1; Sept 1; Dec 15	July 15; Sept 1; Nov 1; Feb 15	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22488.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22488.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Advancing the Science to Reduce Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction Initiative - Researcher Travel Grants	It is important that researchers attend scientific meetings and conferences in order to increase research capacity, learning and collaboration. For this reason, CTCRI offers funding for travel to relevant meetings and conferences where students and non-traditional researchers are presenting findings on tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction	N/A	\$ 3,000	Not required	30 days prior to start of meeting	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27510.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27510.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Advancing the Science to Reduce Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction Initiative - Workshop & Learning	Researchers and research end-users benefit greatly from opportunities to learn about current research and to work together. For this reason, the CTCRI's Workshop and Learning Opportunity Grants support workshops, meetings and events which focus on building research capacity by bringing together individuals from different disciplines and sectors. Strong preference will be given to projects focusing on regions or populations in which there has been a historic lack of capacity for research.	N/A	\$ 15,000	Not required	90 days prior to meeting	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27512.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/27512.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) workshop development	To support or partially support workshops or small meetings of investigators which address key research questions in reproductive and child health. Deadline: For workshops taking place between: April 1 and December 31 applications must be submitted by this March 15. For workshops taking place between October 1 and June 30 applications must be submitted by September 15.		\$ 10,000	Not required	15-Sep-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/20505.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/20505.html</a>

Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Grants for Short Term Research Visits	Grants are intended to enable developing or established researchers to spend up to three months in a specific location focusing on the acquisition of new concepts, knowledge or techniques to broaden their research perspectives and skills. Applications are welcome from all areas of the Institute mandate - which is to support research on the human and model genomes and on all aspects of genetics, basic biochemistry and cell biology related to health and disease, including the translation of knowledge into health policy and practice, and the societal implications of genetic discoveries.	N/A	\$ 11,000	Not required	1-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28103.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28103.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	CIHR President's Fund	CIHR uses the President's Fund to provide grants that are used to: support organizations and initiatives whose goal is consistent with CIHR's vision, mandate and strategic directions; provide financial assistance for conferences, workshops, seminars, education programs and other research related events that are hosted by research, knowledge translation or educational organizations where the objectives of the event align with the interests of CIHR overall and not individual Institutes; and, to provide special, one-time grants or awards in aid of research where the circumstances fall outside CIHR's other programs.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28109.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/28109.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Randomized Controlled Trials	Randomized controlled trial (RCT) is an experiment in which investigators randomly assign eligible subjects (or other units of study, e.g. classrooms, clinics, playgrounds) into groups to receive or not receive one or more interventions that are being compared. The results are analysed by comparing outcomes in the groups.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Sept 1, Nov 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22388.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22388.html</a>
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	Randomized Controlled Trials - Industry-Partnered	Randomized controlled trial (RCT) is an experiment in which investigators randomly assign eligible subjects (or other units of study, e.g. classrooms, clinics, playgrounds) into groups to receive or not receive one or more interventions that are being compared. The results are analysed by comparing outcomes in the groups.	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Sept 1, Nov 1 (annually)	<a href="http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22494.html">http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22494.html</a>
Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation	CPRF Award	The goal of the CPRF Awards is to help young Canadian scientists launch their careers in the study of major mental illnesses and addictions. must be within the 5 year period following completion of your final doctoral degree (e.g. M.D., specialty, Ph.D) OR the first academic appointment as an Assistant Professor • must have a primary, academic appointment with a Canadian university or research institute (part time or full time, includes post doctoral fellows)	2	\$ 80,000	Not required	24-Nov-06	<a href="http://www.cprf.ca/applying/applying.html">http://www.cprf.ca/applying/applying.html</a>
Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation	2007-2008 THE CIBC WORLD MARKETS CHILDREN'S MIRACLE AWARD	The Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation is inviting applications for this prestigious annual award. The CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Award is for advancing the understanding of the causes and treatment of mental illness in childhood and youth. It will be awarded to an established Canadian investigator for a project or program of research which demonstrates innovation and which has the potential for advancement in the field. Preference will be given to an investigator who clearly demonstrates a commitment to the training and development of young researchers. The spirit of this award is to "make a difference" in the lives of children and youth. The money should be made available to support a practical project with defined outcomes for a year.	1	\$ 50,000	Not required	24-Nov-06	<a href="http://www.cprf.ca/applying/applying.html">http://www.cprf.ca/applying/applying.html</a>
Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation	Addiction Research Award	The Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation is inviting applications for an award for research designed to enhance the understanding of the causes and treatment of addictions – substance related disorders and / or co-morbidity with mental illnesses. years or more after completion of candidate's final doctoral degree (e.g. M.D., specialty, Ph.D.) OR 5 years since first faculty appointment. • must have a primary, academic appointment with a Canadian university or research institute (part time eligible)	1	\$ 50,000	Not required	24-Nov-06	<a href="http://www.cprf.ca/applying/applying.html">http://www.cprf.ca/applying/applying.html</a>

Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative (CTCRI)	Tobacco control policy research helps to direct decision-making and to influence implementation of policies aimed at reducing tobacco abuse and nicotine addiction. 1. To foster excellent, timely research that will influence and guide policy decisions in tobacco control. 2. To increase the involvement of policy decision-makers at all levels in the research process. SUGGESTED RESEARCH AREAS: * The full policy process from agenda-setting and decision-making through to development and implementation, enforcement, evaluation and refinement; * All areas in which policy might be used to influence tobacco use including fiscal, legislative, regulatory and educational policies; * Public and private policy at all levels of government locale	2	\$ 80,000	Not required	October 1 annually. * Applications for fast-track Policy Research competitions may be submitted at any time	<a href="http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/policy-grants.htm">http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/policy-grants.htm</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Idea grant	The pilot testing of research methods and/or hypotheses and the exploration of novel ideas. 1. To create opportunities for the testing of research methods or hypotheses which have the potential to have an impact on the study of tobacco control and nicotine addiction interventions. 2. To foster the development of excellent, well-grounded research proposals on tobacco control and nicotine addiction interventions.	1	\$ 50,000	Not required	October 1 annually	<a href="http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/idea-grants.htm">http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/idea-grants.htm</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Symposium support	The NCIC provides contributions to especially worthy conferences or symposia. Applications for a contribution must show the details of the conference/symposium highlighting how the NCIC's contribution will further the cause of Canadian cancer research. It is expected that the NCIC contribution would be used preferentially to defray legitimate expenses of Canadian participants at the conference or symposium. Support of Canadian trainees is especially encouraged as a use for these funds.	N/A	\$ 10,000	Not required	6 months in advance of the proposed meeting date	<a href="http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/Internet/standard/0_3621_84658243_523576432_lan_gld-en.00.html">http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/Internet/standard/0_3621_84658243_523576432_lan_gld-en.00.html</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Workshop Grant	For the support of workshops, meetings and other events which aim to build research capacity. 1. To foster links between researchers or between researchers and research end-users within geographical regions or populations in Canada. 2. To build capacity for research using an innovative approach.	N/A	\$ 15,000	Not required	at least 90 days prior to the anticipated workshop or event.	<a href="http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/workshop-grants.htm">http://www.ctcri.ca/en-pages/workshop-grants.htm</a>
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Workshop support	The intent of the Cancer Workshop Program is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge about developments in various fields of cancer research. One of the principal objectives is to bring together, for a common purpose, individuals of diverse backgrounds who would not normally interact and collaborate. The focus on cancer research should be primary rather than secondary, but the objective is to provide a multi-disciplinary approach to a cancer topic which may be biomedical, clinical, epidemiological or sociological in nature. Few other restrictions have been imposed since the formula for success may vary according to circumstances	N/A	\$ 30,000	Not required	6 months in advance of the proposed workshop date	<a href="http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/Internet/standard/0_3621_84658243_523576430_lan_gld-en.00.html">http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/Internet/standard/0_3621_84658243_523576430_lan_gld-en.00.html</a>
Christopher Reeve Foundation	Individual Research Grants	The CRF Individual Grants Program was founded on the understanding that effective treatments for acute and chronic spinal cord injury will involve carefully orchestrated multi-disciplinary interventions including axon growth and guidance, remyelination, cellular replacement, rehabilitation and neuroprotection	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	15-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.gelMLPOpGjF/b.1048711/k.6606/Individual_Research_Grants.htm">http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.gelMLPOpGjF/b.1048711/k.6606/Individual_Research_Grants.htm</a>
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada	Conference Sponsorship	The Research Institute of the CCFC will consider applications for financial support of a limited number of requests regarding scientific meetings relevant to inflammatory bowel disease. Interested applicants should submit a one page summary providing details of the meeting, specifically addressing how the request applies to the CCFC mission of finding the cure for IBD.	N/A	\$ 5,000	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.ccfc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html">http://www.ccfc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html</a>
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada	Innovations in IBD Research": A Special Competition	The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada invites applications for an Innovative Research Grant, to fund novel or innovative approaches to IBD research. This grant is intended to stimulate and support research which may not be encompassed within the boundaries of traditional medical research. Research proposals must conform to sound principles of research. The Foundation seeks excellence as well as innovation.	1	\$ 50,000	Not required	1-Sep-01	<a href="http://www.ccfc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html">http://www.ccfc.ca/English/research/opportunities.html</a>

Hereditary Disease Foundation	Huntington's Disease	The focus of the Hereditary Disease Foundation is on Huntington's disease. Support will be for research projects that will contribute to identifying and understanding the basic defect in Huntington's disease. Areas of interest include trinucleotide expansions, animal models, gene therapy, neurobiology and development of the basal ganglia, cell survival and death, and intercellular signaling in striatal neurons.	1	\$ 50,000	Submit to get application	June 15 and October 15	<a href="http://www.hdfoundation.org/fundinga.htm">http://www.hdfoundation.org/fundinga.htm</a>
Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research	Team planning awards	The Team Planning award is a one-time start-up fund, to enable groups of investigators to pursue new and emerging health research opportunities on a timely basis; to investigate and develop potential new collaborations necessary to respond quickly to exceptional opportunities; and/or to develop a plan to accelerate time-sensitive research. This award will provide a mechanism for investigators to do the due diligence required to develop a business plan which clearly outlines deliverables and timelines for team activities going forward that will result in significant advances in new and emerging areas of health research.	N/A	\$50,000	Not required	June 30; Sept 30; Dec 15	<a href="http://www.msfr.org/sub-funding-research-guidelines.htm">http://www.msfr.org/sub-funding-research-guidelines.htm</a>
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada	Pilot Research Grants	MS Scientific Research Foundation funds small, pilot grants, which are unique among MS research approaches in Canada. They can be applied for any time a researcher has an innovative idea.	1	\$ 35,000	Not specified	April 1 - August 1	<a href="http://www.msociety.ca/en/research/researchfunding.htm">http://www.msociety.ca/en/research/researchfunding.htm</a>
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council	Idea to Innovation (I2I) Program	The objective of the Idea to Innovation (I2I) program is to accelerate the pre-competitive development of promising technology and promote its transfer to Canadian companies. The program supports research and development projects with recognized technology transfer potential by providing crucial assistance to university researchers in the early stages of technology validation and market connection	3	Not specified	Not required	July 3, 2006; September 29, 2006	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=b4">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=b4</a>
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council	Research Network Grants (RNG)	Research Network Grants fund large-scale, complex research programs that involve multi-sectorial collaborations on a common research topic. The topic to be investigated can be of local concern, requiring a focused local network, or of regional or national importance, requiring a larger, more complex network.	5	Not specified	Required	Anytime	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=b2">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=b2</a>
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council	Special Research Opportunity (SRO) Program	Special Research Opportunity (SRO) grants enable researchers to pursue new and emerging research opportunities at the time they become apparent, or investigate and develop potential new collaborations necessary to respond to these national and international opportunities. What distinguishes a special research opportunity is the urgency and timeliness of the opportunity.	Not specified	Not specified	Required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=a4">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=a4</a>
NSERC	Strategic Network grants	Advanced Communications and Management of Information; Biomedical Technologies; Competitive Manufacturing and Value-Added Products and Processes; Healthy Environment and Ecosystems; Quality Foods and Novel Bioproducts; Safety and Security; Sustainable Energy Systems (Production, Distribution and Utilization) (details to be posted on March 31st)	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	30-Jun-06	<a href="http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=b2">http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=pr ofnav&amp;lbi=b2</a>
Sick Kids Foundation	Research Cross-training awards	Through the cross-training competition, researchers, policy makers and health care providers (conventional, complementary and/or alternative) may obtain a maximum of \$10,000 annually to support the increase of knowledge about research methodology and techniques, particular paediatric issues, policy/ethical issues, or some form of complementary or alternative care provision for children. The goal of the proposed cross-training must be to increase research capacity in paediatric complementary and health care in Canada.	1	\$ 10,000	15-May-06	11-Sep-06	<a href="http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/def_grants.asp#ngpAni">http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/def_grants.asp#ngpAni</a>
Sick Kids Foundation	Research grants	SickKids Foundation offers funding for research grants in the area of complementary and alternative health care and paediatrics. In order to address the lack of research in the area of CAHC and child and youth health, SickKids Foundation requests proposals in the following topic areas: pilot research, policy issues, utilization data and synthesis of existing data	2	\$ 130,000	15-May-06	11-Sep-06	<a href="http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/def_grants.asp#ngpAni">http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/def_grants.asp#ngpAni</a>
Sick Kids Foundation	Conference grants	The purpose of the conference grants program is to support events which are organized by and/or for families with children with health challenges, including but not limited to children with acute illness, chronic illness, and disabilities. Eligible events will have a focus on information sharing between health professionals, community organizations, and families. Academic conferences are not eligible for funding	N/A	\$ 5,000	Not required	May 31, Sept 30, January 31	<a href="http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/def_grants.asp#ngpAni">http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/def_grants.asp#ngpAni</a>

Sick Kids Foundation	Home Care Conference Grants	As part of the Foundation's funding of the Children and Youth Home Care Network (CYHN), support is offered for conferences, workshops or symposia. The purpose of funding conference grants is to support events which are relevant to home and community care for children, youth and families.	N/A	\$ 5,000	Not required	3 months prior to event	<a href="http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/pdfs/ngp_hc_conf_app.pdf">http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/pdfs/ngp_hc_conf_app.pdf</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Community-University Research Alliances (CURA)	To support research projects jointly developed and undertaken by university-based researchers and organizations from the community	5	\$ 1,000,000	5-May-06	Formal Application (by invitation only): TBD	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Northern Development Research Program	The objectives of the Northern Research Development program are to: support revitalization of existing research and research-related activities; support the development of innovative programs of research and research 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; support research and related activities that meet the needs of northern residents by involving them in the research process.	2	\$ 40,000	Not Required	25-May-06	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada	To support workshops and conferences in Canada	1	\$ 25,000	Not required	1-Nov-06	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada	To support workshops and conferences in Canada	2	\$ 50,000	Not required	1-Nov-06	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp</a>
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	Canadian Initiative on Social Statistics (CISS) Access to Research Data Centres	Research Data Centres (RDC) provide researchers with access to confidential social statistics data collected by Statistics Canada	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Applications may be submitted at any time	<a href="http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/ciss_research_data_e.asp">http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/ciss_research_data_e.asp</a>
The Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon	Grant-in-Aid program	The Grant-in-Aid program offers support for projects in basic biomedical, clinical, health services and health systems and population health research. This support may be granted for a one to five year term	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	1-Sep-06	<a href="http://www.hsf.ca/research/guidelines/prov/bc/bc_giaguide.html">http://www.hsf.ca/research/guidelines/prov/bc/bc_giaguide.html</a>
The Stanley Medical Research Institute	Treatment Trials for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder	The purpose of this program is to facilitate the direct testing of new treatments for schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.	3	\$ 900,000	Not required	1-Oct-06	<a href="http://www.stanleyresearch.org/application/apply.htm">http://www.stanleyresearch.org/application/apply.htm</a>
VIHA Child, Youth and Family Health	Research Funding	Eligibility: Promote and develop research excellence within staff of Child, Family and Youth at VIHA; 2. Must involve VIHA staff as researchers; 3. Enhance and develop new, innovative or improved treatment for children with special health, social, cognitive, physical or behavioural needs; 4. Improve the knowledge and understanding of the changing needs of children and families served by VIHA				5-Jun-06	Contact Michael Joschko at <a href="mailto:michael.joschko@viha.ca">michael.joschko@viha.ca</a> for more details
Work Safe BC	Operating	An operating grant provides support for a research project by an individual or small group of investigators. To be eligible, the proposed research must be scientifically valid, relate to one or more of the research priorities (Occupational injury and disease prevention, * Fair compensation, * Successful rehabilitation and return-to-work), and demonstrate strong potential to positively impact workplace health and safety and/or the workers' compensation system in B.C.	2	Not specified	Not required	Not specified	<a href="http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/operating_grants/default.asp">http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/operating_grants/default.asp</a>