Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada funding opportunities

**John C. Polanyi award**
The John C. Polanyi Award was created to recognize and support a university researcher or team of researchers whose work has led to a recent outstanding Canadian advance in the field of natural sciences or engineering. Deadline to sponsor directly: March 1, 2016. Read more.

**Brockhouse Canada prize**
Nominations are being sought for the Brockhouse Canada prize for interdisciplinary research in science and engineering. This prize recognizes outstanding Canadian teams of researchers from different disciplines who have combined their expertise to produce achievements of outstanding international significance in the natural sciences and engineering in the last six years. Deadline to sponsor directly: March 1, 2016. Read more.

**Gerhard Herzberg Canada gold medal**
The Gerhard Herzberg Canada gold medal, NSERC’s highest honour, is awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated sustained excellence and influence in research for a body of work conducted in Canada that has substantially advanced the fields of natural sciences or engineering. Deadline to sponsor directly: March 1, 2016. Read more.

**Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Program**
The CREATE program supports the training of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad to address significant scientific challenges associated with Canada’s research priorities, and facilitate the transition of new researchers from trainees to productive employees in the Canadian workforce. See the workshops and information section below for details on an information session taking place Monday, February 1, 2016. Internal deadline: March 24, 2016. Read more.

**Mitacs funding opportunities**

**Inria research centres in France - French students**
The Mitacs Globalink Research Award – Inria provides the opportunity for faculty members and PhD students at Inria Research Centres in France to build an international research network and undertake research abroad at Canadian universities. Internal deadline: February 26, 2016. Read more.

**Inria research centres in France - Canadian students**
The Globalink Research Award – Inria provides an opportunity for faculty at Canadian universities to strengthen existing international research collaborations and connect with colleagues at Inria at research centres in France through mobility of graduate students. Internal deadline: February 26, 2016. Read more.

**MHESR Tunisia**
Mitacs has partnered with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR), Tunisia, to support
student mobility between Canadian universities and Tunisian universities. MHESR Tunisia provides the opportunity for faculty members and senior undergraduate and graduate students at Canadian universities to build an international research network and undertake research abroad at Tunisian universities. **Internal deadline: February 26, 2016.** Read more.

**MHRD India**
Mitacs has partnered with India’s Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) to offer the Globalink Research Award – MHRD India, which supports Canadian student travel to India for research collaborations. **Internal deadline: February 26, 2016.** Read more.

**Muskoka summit on the environment - research grant**
The Muskoka Summit on the Environment (MSE) is a biennial event that provides a forum for the public to explore and debate pressing environmental issues with leading thinkers in the field. This year, the MSE tackles the issue of climate change, with the theme “Solutions for a warming world.” The purpose of the MSE Research Grant is to support graduate student environmental research within the Muskoka River watershed, in the fields of environmental science, resource studies and/or policy. **Deadline to sponsor directly: February 26, 2016.**

**Compute Canada partners with Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) on first ever human dimensions open data Challenge**
The human dimensions open data challenge is a national competition organized in partnership with SSHRC, Compute Canada, the Ontario Centres of Excellence, and ThinkData Works. The challenge is targeting multi-disciplinary research teams led by social sciences and humanities researchers who, using open-data sets, will develop systems, processes or fully functional technology applications that address the human dimensions of key challenges in the natural resource and energy sectors. **Deadline to sponsor directly: March 31, 2016.**

**OMAFRA - U of G Partnership Highly Qualified Personnel Scholarships available**
The OMAFRA - U of G Partnership Highly Qualified Personnel Scholarship is now accepting applications. HQP scholarships are awarded to MSc and PhD students interested in contributing to the agri-food sector and entering a graduate program at the University of Guelph. **Deadline to sponsor directly: February 26, 2016.**

**Notices**

**Deadlines and the 2016 government year end**
The Office of Research Services (ORS) processes a high volume of government contracts and invoices in the months of February and March each year. In advance of the anticipated high volume, ORS asks researchers to submit government contracts with March 31, 2016 deadlines as soon as possible, to ensure adequate time is provided for contract review, negotiations, finalization, account set-up, and invoicing requirements. Read more.

**University of Guelph grant agreement - reminder**
The University of Guelph grant agreement was made available in August, 2015. Previous versions of grant templates (i.e. "grant in aid" templates) will no longer be accepted. The University of Guelph grant agreement may be used with research sponsors who do not seek the right to restrict or delay the dissemination of the results of the research; do not seek any rights to intellectual property resulting from the research; and do not seek a warranty with respect to a standard of performance. Sponsors must agree to the grant agreement terms “as is”. If a research sponsor wishes to negotiate terms appearing in the University of Guelph grant agreement, a research contract will be required. Read more.
Workshops and information sessions

**NSERC CREATE grants information session**
The Office of Research Services is hosting an information session about the NSERC CREATE program for University of Guelph researchers and administrators on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 1 p.m. in UC 424. RSVPs are still being accepted. Read more.

**Southern Ontario Smart Computing Innovation Platform (SOSCIP) - Information session**
On April 1, 2016, the University of Guelph will become a member of SOSCIP, a research and development consortium established to fuel innovation leadership in Canada in advanced manufacturing, digital media, cybersecurity, mining, agile computing, health, water, energy and cities. SOSCIP is hosting an information session for University of Guelph faculty on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in UC 424 to introduce its collaborative research project model and describe funding resources available through the program. Read more.

**Advancing Water Technologies (AWT) program information session**
The AWT program is a brand new catalyst for business-led collaborations in the water sector. AWT provides financial contributions to industry-led research and development projects in the water sector that will result in the successful commercialization of globally competitive and market-ready products and services. The Office of Research Services is hosting an information session about the program on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. in Alexander Hall, Room 168. Read more.

**Faculty information exchange series 2015-16 offers media training for researchers**
Participants in this exchange session will learn how to promote their research in the media and get tips on handling interview requests from an experienced communications expert. This session takes place Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at noon, in UC 442. Read more.

**Ethics discussion and information**
Ethics clearance is required before any research is conducted involving human participants. Applications to involve humans in research are reviewed by the Research Ethics Board. The Director of Research Ethics offers weekly brown bag lunches and monthly information sessions to help guide faculty and students through the process. The next monthly session is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in UC 334. Read more.

**NSERC strategic partnership grants for projects information session**
All University of Guelph researchers and prospective applicants in the 2016 strategic partnership grants for projects competition are welcome to attend an information session presented by Wendy Ryan, Senior Manager in the Research Partnerships portfolio at NSERC on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in UC 441. Successful applicants and grant holders will also be present and the session will also include a question and answer period for participants. Read more.

**Hopper Lecture**
The Hopper Lecture presents Simon Maxwell, senior research associate at the Overseas Development Institute, UK, and Emeritus Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies, UK. Maxwell’s talk is titled “Finding a Place of One’s Own: Development Agency Choices in a New Landscape.” It takes place Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in ROZ 102, is free and open to the public. Read more.

Reminders

These granting council newsletters are now available:

- NSERC Contact
- CIHR funding news
- SSHRC Dialogue
- CFI Innovation Now

Check the Office of Research website, the Office of Research Facebook page and the Office of Research Twitter feed (@UofGResearch) for other current funding opportunities, updates and important deadlines in between editions of the INSIDER.
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