UNBC UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Research Newsletter

UNBC Research Connection April 2015

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Welcome Back!

I would like to thank those of you who joined me for the "Research Chat" on Monday, March 23 and Thursday, March 26. Your enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to UNBC Research is exemplary.

The CRC Secretariat has completed its rolling three year Tri-council funding average which determines new allocations of Canada Research Chair positions to each university in Canada. We were fortunate to have been able to maintain our numbers. I attribute this positive trend to your support during the past two years. As you may recall, soon after my arrival in 2013, we lost three CRCs. Your efforts have led to a cessation of the declining trend noted during the past five years in both NSERC and SSHRC funding. I am confident that through your persistent efforts this positive trend will continue.

The Office of Research remains committed to assisting you in meeting your research goals. We want UNBC Research to be responsive, competitive, lively and successful.

I thank you for your commitment to UNBC Research and for helping to build a future generation of thinkers and problem solvers. You are providing the next generation with skills that are irreplaceable and everlasting.

Yours truly,

Ranjana Bird

Second Research Seed Grant Competition

The Office of Research will be holding another competition for the Research Seed grant. Research Seed grants are intended to act as a springboard to assist faculty in obtaining external funding for their research. Seed grants are distinct from start-up funding, which is made available to new faculty and negotiated with Chairs/Deans as part of the appointment process.

The deadline for submission will be Friday, May 1, 2015. Applications must be sent electronically to research@unbc.ca. **Please note that an application which is incomplete or unclear will not be considered by the committee.**

The guidelines and application form can be found on the UNBC website at http://www.unbc.ca/research/internal-funding-opportunities.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

External Funding	Internal Deadline	Agency Deadline
SSHRC Connection Grant		Feb 1 May 1 Aug 1 Nov 1
NSERC Strategic Project Grants		April 1
CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant		May 15
NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience LOI		May 1
J.R. Evans Leaders Fund		June 15 Oct 15
NSERC Subatomic Physics Discovery Grant NOI		Aug 1
NSERC Discovery Grant LOI		Aug 1
NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience Full Application		Sept 22
NSERC Subatomic Physics Discovery Grant Full Application		Oct 1
NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grant		Oct 25
NSERC Discovery Grant Full Application		Nov 1
NSERC Discovery Grant Northern Research Supplement		Nov 1
NSERC Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) Grant		No deadline
NSERC Engage Grants		No deadline
NSERC Interaction Grants		No deadline
Mitacs Accelerate Grant		No deadline

Internal Funding	Internal Deadline
Research Seed Grant	May 1
Conference Travel Grants	Sept 15
Publication Grants	Aug 31

**For external funding: The internal deadline for all applications is, unless otherwise stated, 5 business days prior to the agency deadline. If an institutional letter of support is required, please submit a completed I. L of S. request form to the office of research 10 business days prior to the agency deadline.

Animal Care Update

The next due date for animal care submissions is Monday, May 4, 2015 at 12 pm. Please send submissions to acuc@unbc.ca.

Because the next animal care meeting will not be until September, any field studies applications will need to be submitted by this date as well.

Any questions can be directed to Lydia Troc at lydia.troc@unbc.ca.

Accessing Research Data Centre Through UBC

Researchers,

Did you know that UNBC is a member of the British Columbia Inter-University Research Data Centre (BCIRDC), which is located at UBC and which is part of the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN)? Our membership in the BCIRDC means that UNBC researchers and graduate students may apply to analyze Statistics Canada confidential microdata files, administrative data, and linked data at any Research Data Centre (RDC) or branch RDC in the country without paying a user fee.

Access to RDCs is awarded on the basis of the academic merit of a research project proposal and on the need for access to confidential microdata. The application process can take up to eight weeks, although this time is significantly less for researchers who have already had their proposal approved by a peer-review committee (i.e. through funding agencies such as SSHRC or CIHR or through a thesis committee).

Note that UNBC researchers have access to Statistics Canada Public Use Microdata files (PUMFs) here at UNBC through Statistics Canada's Data Liberation Initiative (DLI). Be sure to determine if these PUMFs will meet your research needs before applying to use the confidential data. Contact Gail Curry in the Library to discuss how to access the PUMFs and relevant documentation.

Once a need for access to the confidential microdata has been determined, further inquiries may be directed to the RDC Analyst at the BCIRDC at 604-822-0263 or bcirdc@interchange.unbc.ca.

UNBC is in the process of applying to the CRDCN to set up a branch RDC at UNBC. This would mean that researchers could apply to analyze data and not have to travel to another institution to do the analysis. Stay tuned!

Gail Curry, Data, Map & Government Information Librarian
Geoffrey R. Weller Library

Some Useful Links:

Data available in RDCs (note the By Subject tab): http://www.rdc-cdr.ca/datasets-and-surveys

Application process and guidelines: http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/process

RDC and branch RDC location: http://www.rdc-cdr.ca/about-crdcn

Publications resulting from RDC research: http://www.rdc-cdr.ca/publications

CRDCN homepage: http://rdc-cdr.ca

BCIRDC homepage: http://rdcweb.arts.ubc.ca

SHARING YOUR RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A Fellow Amongst Us: Ron Thring

Dear Colleagues,
I am pleased to have been awarded the national award and designation of "Fellow of Engineers Canada" at a Ceremony in Vancouver on March 12 for my contributions to the engineering profession.

The phrase after my name on the certificate I am holding (see above photo) reads" in honour of exceptional contributions to the engineering profession in Canada." The presenters are John Clague, President (APEGBC) and Ann English, Chief Executive Officer and Registrar (APEGBC).

More information about the Fellowships program can be found at http://www.engineerscanada.ca/fellowships-program.

Cheers,

Ron Thring

UPCOMING EVENTS

CIHR Webinar: Knowledge Translation 101/KT Funding at CIHR
Presentation by Meghan Baker, Senior Specialist, Knowledge Translation Strategy at CIHR
April 22, 2015
10:30 am to 12:00 pm
6-306
Everyone Welcome! Please RSVP Nicole Balliet at nicole.balliet@unbc.ca

Social Sciences and Humanities Networking and Information Session
With a special presentation by Dr. Gisèle Yasmeen
April 29, 2015
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Gathering Place (5-123)
A light lunch will be provided
RSVP required. Please RSVP Nicole Balliet at nicole.balliet@unbc.ca