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## March 2010

### Deadlines/Events

#### HSFC

[Population Health Intervention  
Research funding opportunity –  
Competition 2](#)

- Letter of Intent – June 1, 2010
- Application – Sept. 14, 2010
- [1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Stroke Congress, June 7-8, 2010](#)

- Early bird registration – Mar. 31, 2010

#### HSFO

[Posting of new GIA offers to  
Research website](#)

- Available now
- [Summer Medical Student Awards](#)
- April 16, 2010

There are no other pending HSFO personnel competition deadlines.

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## Grants committee perseveres in challenging funding year

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario's 2010/11 grant-in-aid offer letters go into the mail this week.

The Grants Allocation Committee (GAC) met in mid-February to complete the annual GIA application budget review process. A GAC member's role is to review all applications assigned to them and recommend a final grant budget to HSFO. Due to reduced overall funding available for new GIAs this year, it was a challenging meeting but GAC members rose to that challenge, working extremely hard to ensure the most equitable distribution of funds, given financial constraints.

Thanks to the GAC members' efforts, the Foundation is able to offer funding to 90 Ontario applicants this year.

Last fall, the Foundation communicated with the HSFO grantee and institutional communities about the impact that 2008/09 economic conditions were having on funds available for research spending this year and next. Following extensive consultation with the Foundation's Board, Board sub-committees and key stakeholders, in

September the Board approved a 'mission' spending budget for 2009/10 that reflected fairly significant reductions across all mission programs.

Budget reductions led to the suspension of the majority of salary support programs, such as summer studentships and other junior personnel programs.

Fortunately, the first half of the current fiscal year has been stronger than predicted; hence, this month our Board approved an additional mid-year investment in research programs. As a result, we just recently announced that our summer medical student program will now be offered this year.

The Foundation sincerely hopes these suspensions/reductions will be temporary as it is keenly aware of the challenges they create for Ontario's research community. Our resolve to raise funds for the life-saving research undertaken in the province is greater than ever, and your support to achieve this is most needed and most welcome.

## Stroke network issues call for research proposals

The Ontario Stroke Network (OSN), on behalf of the Ontario Stroke System and the Ontario Stroke System Research Committee, would like to invite submissions to the Call for Proposals for 2010-2012.

Ontario  
**Stroke System**  
*Fewer strokes. Better outcomes.*

As part of the funding strategy, the OSS Research Committee encourages:

- Projects to foster new researchers
- Innovative approaches to research
- Projects that bring groups of researchers together to organize research around specific areas
- Pilot data (at a single center) in preparation for a full multi-centered proposal
- Multi-centered trials/projects

The Ontario Stroke Network is administering the fund on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MoHLTC). The funding available is earmarked as 2010/2011 funding, but the expected project completion date is March 31, 2012.

Proposals must be submitted electronically to the attention of: Margaret Risk, Chair, OSS Research Committee c/o [ontariostrokenetwork@hsf.on.ca](mailto:ontariostrokenetwork@hsf.on.ca)

**Deadline for submission: Friday, April 16, 2010 at 5:00pm.**

Relevant application materials are included in the body of the email containing this newsletter.

## Feeling creative? This contest's for you

The Heart and Stroke Foundation research team is taking a look at its *online* footprint, including the national research website - [www.hsf.ca/research](http://www.hsf.ca/research) - which applicants currently visit to get program guidelines, application forms and other research information. When we're ready to launch an online application system, the portal will be from the website.

We've decided it's time the Foundation's online research presence had a name. After all, around the Federation you'll find document sharing sites with handles like "The Vein", intranets called "Tickr", vpn sites that answer to "The Atrium".

Well, you get the picture.

Who better to approach for a snappy research-oriented moniker than our researcher community?

We invite you to submit your suggestions to our naming contest to [research@hsf.ca](mailto:research@hsf.ca) by **Friday, April 23**. Enter early and often! The winning name will be included in a future issue of HSFC's Research Update and its lucky creator will receive not just unbridled adulation but fabulous Swarovski bling!

***Bonne chance!***

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The Foundation's **Restart a Heart, a Life** program has launched its new website.

The features of the new website include:

- all resuscitation information in one easy and convenient place for all stakeholders to access
- a new web portal to provide improved customer service to our CPR/AED Instructors

Every year the program team will produce an annual report. The first edition highlights 2008/2009 CPR and AED initiatives.

Visit the website at [www.heartandstroke.ca/restart](http://www.heartandstroke.ca/restart)



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