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## RHSRNbc Travel Bursary Competition

RHSRNbc is excited to announce our first ever travel bursary competition! Travel bursaries will be awarded to RHSRNbc members who have been invited to present their rural health services research orally or in poster format at either a national or international conference. There are four bursaries to be won—three national bursaries of up to \$450 and one international bursary of \$750. These bursaries are intended to *subsidize* the costs of travel and accommodation and other expenses related to conference participation.

Preference will be given to junior researchers, graduate students and community based researchers who, a) conduct research on or with rural communities in BC and b) who are able to clearly articulate their research link with rural health services research in their bursary application. Allowable expenses include: airfare, accommodation, conference registration, meals and transportation. Funds will be reimbursed after the conference with submission of original receipts and airline boarding passes. CIHR guidelines will be applied to define allowable expenses.

### Conditions:

- Applicants must be a RHSRNbc member
- Applicants must be presenting rural BC health services research
- Applicants must be actively engaged in rural health services research

### Application

This competition has a *rolling deadline* and bursaries will be awarded on a first come first serve basis to deserving applications given they meet appropriate standards of quality. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible with a copy of your *letter of acceptance* from the conference organizers and a copy of your *abstract*. Application forms are available online at [www.rhsrnb.ca](http://www.rhsrnb.ca).

## A Year in Review.

December marks RHSRNbc's 6 month anniversary as well as the end of the year 2011. It has been a busy half year for the RHSRNbc beginning in June as we worked to create and establish the network, increase the profile of the network and create a membership base. Though the network participated in events throughout the summer, such as the Rural Emergency Continuum of Care Conference hosted by the RCCbc in Kelowna, November represented a culmination of our invested efforts.

We kicked off the month by heading up to Prince George to take part in the Northern Health Research Days Annual Conference which, we had helped organize as part of the Planning Committee. The conference was highly successful and over 100 researchers, health service professionals, students and administrators gathered to share and discuss research and research partnerships in the North.

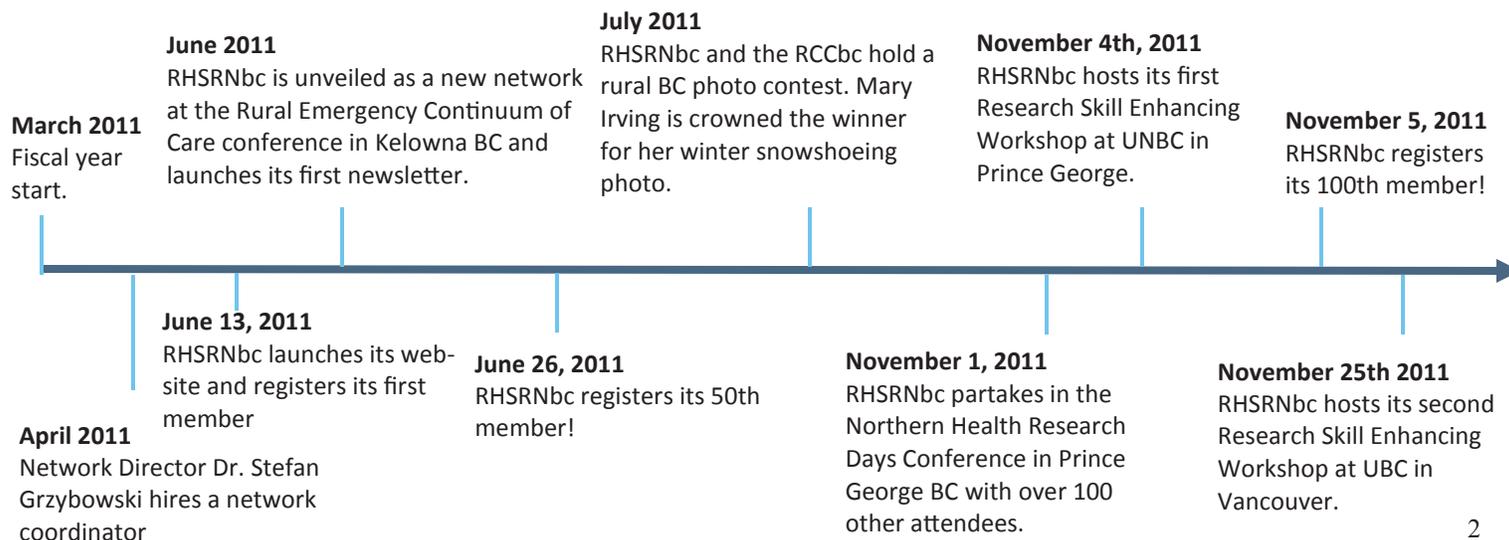
Immediately following the conference, RHSRNbc and Northern Health collaborated to run our first ever, Research Skill Enhancing Workshop up at UNBC. Over 20 RHSRNbc members joined us for a day of learning about Community Based Research and Academic Grant Writing courtesy of our workshop hosts, Donald Manson and Dr. Jude Kornelsen. RHSRNbc then ran a second workshop on November 25th in Vancouver, this time in collaboration with the UBC Department of Family Practice. The focus of this workshop included Academic Grant Writing again, hosted by Dr. Jude Kornelsen, and Administrative Data in Health Services Research which was hosted by Dr. Kim McGrail and PhD student Ruth Lavergne. Each of these events were a HUGE success and we are already looking forward to hosting spring research workshops in the new year.



*Ruth Lavergne and Dr. Kim McGrail hosted our Administrative Data workshop at UBC on Nov 25th. Kim is an expert in the field of Administrative Data and health services research while Ruth who, is currently completing her PhD, provided insight into rural health services research.*

## Planning for 2012...

RHSRNbc is already planning our Spring Research Skill Enhancing Workshop as well as our first KT to Go event and, we want to know what you feel would be most helpful. We are interested in hearing your suggestions for workshop topics and content as well as suggestions for who you would like to see hosting our next workshop or KT to go event. If you or someone you know is interested in hosting either a workshop or a KT to Go event please send us an email at [info@rhsrnb.ca](mailto:info@rhsrnb.ca) - these events look great on your CV!



# Funding Opportunities

## **Sue Harris Family Practice Research Grant**

**Deadline: January 27, 2012.**

The Sue Harris Family Practice Research Grant supports research that contributes to women's health within the discipline of family practice. The funding is intended to support new researchers (family practice residents and/or practitioners) to develop and carry out a pilot research project. The principal investigator must be a:

- family physician licensed and residing in BC and who is in good standing with the CFPC/BCCFP
- family medicine resident registered at and in good standing with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Family Medicine Residency Program and also in good standing with the CFPC/BCCFP

Interdisciplinary teams are encouraged as long as they are led by a Family Physician. Proposed research projects must be directly related to women's health.

The value of each Sue Harris Family Practice Research grant will be up to \$2,500 for a resident project, and up to \$5,000 for a family practitioner project. The number and value of awards granted each year will be determined by the funds available. See website for more information.

<http://www.whri.org/research-support/documents/FullRFAGrantApplication-REV20Sep11.pdf>

## **Nelly Auersperg Award in Women's Health Research**

**Application Deadline January 13th, 2012**

The Nelly Auersperg Award supports pilot studies in women's health which aim to generate preliminary data, test new approaches, methodologies or tools. The amount awarded for this one-year grant is \$10,000-\$15,000. The funding supports activities that will enable the pursuit of more ambitious studies and foster further funding applications.

At the time of application:

- Principal Applicants must be residents of BC
- Principal Applicant(s) must be an independent researcher/ clinician (includes midwives, nurses, social workers and physicians), and /or must have completed a post-graduate degree (Masters, PhD or MD)
- Principal Applicants cannot be enrolled as students in a degree or diploma program and cannot hold positions as post-doctoral fellows, residents, or clinical fellows.

For more information visit:

[http://www.whri.org/research-support/documents/NellyAuerspergAwardinWomensHealthResearch\\_06SEPT11FinalRFA.pdf](http://www.whri.org/research-support/documents/NellyAuerspergAwardinWomensHealthResearch_06SEPT11FinalRFA.pdf)

## **Vancouver Foundation Grants**

**Letter of Intent Deadline: January 27th 2012**

**Application Deadline: March 16 2012**

Vancouver Foundation recognizes that communities are complex and that many factors go into creating a healthy and vibrant place for all to live. Therefore, they offer financial support for community based researchers and projects in a variety of areas including; Children Youth and Families, Environment, Health and Social Development, Youth Homelessness and Education. Visit

<http://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/grants/index.htm>



# Upcoming External Events...

## Rural Health Publications:

**Rural pharmacy in Canada: pharmacist training, workforce capacity and research partnerships.** Soon, J., & Levine, M. (2011). *International Journal Of Circumpolar Health*, 70(4), 407-418.

**Weight status and health characteristics of rural Saskatchewan children.** Bilinski H, Rennie D, Duggleby W. *Rural and Remote Health* 11: 1699. (Online) 2011. Available: <http://www.rrh.org.au>

**Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and the utilisation of primary care in urban and regional settings.** Unger CC, Warren N, Canway R, Manderson L, Grigg K. *Rural and Remote Health* 11: 1795. (Online) 2011. Available: <http://www.rrh.org.au>

**Importance of traditional foods for the food security of two First Nations communities in the Yukon, Canada.** Schuster R, Wein E, Dickson C, Chan H. *International Journal Of Circumpolar Health* [serial online]. June 2011;70(3):286-300



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### **Population Health Data Analysis: From Infrastructure to Innovation.**

February 8-10th 2012 in Vancouver BC.

The conference will take place from February 8th to 10th at the Simon Fraser University, Harbor Centre, downtown Vancouver. The conference will be designed to meet the interests of researchers, faculty members, graduate students and representatives from government and health related organizations who work in the area of Population and Public Health.

February 8th will include plenary presentations that focus on data linkage infrastructure, researcher case studies in different forms of data analysis, and innovation in presentation and knowledge translation. February 9th and 10th will feature one- and two-day hands-on workshops that will align with key presentations from day one and enhance research skills. Registration is now open at [training@popdata.bc.ca](mailto:training@popdata.bc.ca).

### **2012 Health Policy Conference: Will paying the piper change the tune? Promise and pitfalls of health care funding reform.**

February 28-29, 2012 in Vancouver BC.

This day-and-one-half program will be organized to help participants understand the roles funding policies play in creating incentives for high-performing health care systems. Drawing from international experiences, speakers will examine the complex roles funding policies play in creating efficient, effective and safe health care systems and discuss the role and emerging evidence, of innovations in funding policies in Canada and beyond. Visit <http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/hpc>

### **Rural and Remote Medicine Course: "On the Edge"**

April 26-28, 2012 in Whistler BC.

This working conference hosted by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada offers nearly 200 workshops, lectures and plenaries in a peer-to-peer interactive learning environment. Based largely on small group sessions this conference will allow you to interact both with speakers and each other in beautiful Whistler BC. Registration is now open, and **poster submissions are welcome.** <http://www.srpc.ca/rr2012/>

### **2012 Annual Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research Conference.**

May 29-31, 2012 in Montreal Qc.

The CAHSPR annual conference brings together over 400 of Canada's leading researchers, decision-makers, managers, and trainees to exchange ideas and share findings from the most recent studies in health services and policy research. Featuring over 200 presentations in plenary, small group, and poster formats, CAHSPR's conference has something for everyone. Visit <https://cahspr.ca/en/event/cahspr/2012-annual-cahspr-conference>

**Abstract submission closes:** Thursday, January 12, 2012