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SCHOLARLY RESEARCH Newsletter



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News From the Committee on Scholarly Research

Welcome to the first issue of the Scholarly Research Newsletter, presented by the Committee on Scholarly Research of the Touro College School of Health Sciences. The Chairperson of this committee, formed in January 2003, is M.A. Benjaminson, PhD.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the faculty, staff, administration, and students of current research that is being performed and of new research opportunities that may be applicable to the various disciplines of the school.

NGR-TOURO RESEARCHERS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY JAPANESE TV

Dr. M.A. Benjaminson of the Tissue Engineering Laboratory has been negotiating with a film company based in Japan, which is interested in highlighting the research done by Dr. Benjaminson and Professor J.A. Gilchrist on growing muscle in vitro as a food source for long space voyages. The program "The Prediction 2" is a two hour special program shown via Fuji TV Network. The program explores the presumed lack of food in the future and the possibility that the research done in the Tissue Engineering Laboratory is a potential solution to hunger caused by over population.

GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

The following grants have been applied for over the last few months:

Dr. Howard Makofsky, Dr. Leonard Goldstein, & Professor Roslyn Sofer
THE NON-PHARMACEUTICAL TREATMENT OF HEADACHE UTILIZING THE OCCIPITOR TO CORRECT FORWARD HEAD POSTURE: A CLINICAL STUDY
American Headache Society/Pfizer, Inc. Headache Research Award

This is a 1-year, \$20,000 award for clinical research into the pathogenesis, diagnosis, or management of Headache or Facial Pain.

Leonard B. Goldstein, DDS, PhD
AN INNOVATIVE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH SPECIALIZATION IN HOMELAND SECURITY
United States Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)
This is a thirty-six (36) month project requesting \$430,000.00.

For further information,
please contact
Dr. Benjaminson at ext. 237
or Dr. Goldstein at ext. 293
(631) 665-1600

Selected Grant Opportunities

Applications for the following grants are now being accepted

Title: Research on Prison Sexual Violence
Deadline: January 27, 2004
Description: NIJ (The National Institute of Justice) is seeking proposals for quantitative research on prison sexual violence in response to the goals of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. The Act's goals include-

- Developing and implementing national standards to detect and prevent sexual violence in prisons.
- Increasing the availability of data and information to aid in improving the management and administration of correctional facilities.
- Increasing the accountability of prisons.

Title: Group Therapy for Individuals in Drug Abuse or Alcoholism Treatment
Organization: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Deadlines:
Letter of Intent Receipt Date: January 20, 2004
Application Receipt Date: February 20, 2004

Description: The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to invite research applications addressing group-format behavioral treatments for drug abuse and/or alcohol use disorders (AUD).

Title: HIV/AIDS and Other Infections Among Drug Users in the Criminal Justice System
Organization: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Deadlines:
Letter of Intent Receipt Date: February 23, 2004
Application Receipt Date: March 23, 2004

Description: This RFA invites the epidemiological, prevention, and services research on HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among adult and juvenile drug users in the

criminal justice system receiving legal supervision in community-based settings, such as the drug courts, diversion initiatives, or community re-entry programs.

Title: NCRR Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA)
Organization: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Deadlines:
Letter of Intent Receipt Date: January 12, 2004
Application Receipt Date: February 12, 2004

Description: The Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) Program provides funds for the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative K-12 science education programs, teaching materials and science center/museum programs. SEPA supports partnerships between biomedical, clinical researchers and behavioral scientists with K-12 teachers and schools, museum and science center educators, media experts, and other interested organizations.

Title: Training for a New Interdisciplinary Research Workforce
Organization: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Deadlines:
Letter of Intent Receipt Date: February 10, 2004
Application Receipt Date: March 10, 2004

Description: The purpose of this RFA is to encourage and enable the development of an interdisciplinary workforce by ensuring that undergraduate, pre-doctoral, and postdoctoral students receive the didactic and research experiences necessary to lead and/or engage in integrative and team approaches to solve complex biomedical and health problems.