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## Unused Opportunities at NAPCRG

**W**hatever your developmental needs are, NAPCRG wants to help! In response, NAPCRG recently developed a mentorship program designed to provide mentors for novice researchers. Coupled with the Grant Generating Project (GGP) and the Consultants Directory, these programs are available to provide you with the methodological and developmental assistance you may need in your research no matter how experienced or inexperienced you may be. Yet, these "golden opportunities" are underutilized by the membership.

Last spring, NAPCRG announced its Mentorship Program to provide distance mentorship to novice researchers who work in programs through

which experienced mentors are not available. Last year's Membership Survey found that 19% of members reported needing a research mentor (33% among novice researchers). This program matches experienced NAPCRG mentors with novice researchers and provides support

and resources to facilitate mentorship-at-a-distance. Yet, when offered last spring, the Mentorship Program received few applicants. The next deadline for applications for the Mentorship program is April 30, 2010.

If you are interested in applying to the Mentorship program, please send a letter to Kim Griswold [griswold@buffalo.edu](mailto:griswold@buffalo.edu) indicating: (1) your research background, (2) your research needs and goals, (3) reasons you want to participate and cannot find a local mentor, (4) commitment to attend this year's NAPCRG meeting in

Directory. Members with varied expertise have volunteered to serve as methodological resources, reviewers, and coinvestigators to those needing their services. Such assistance can be invaluable as you prepare your next research grant. Yet, according to the last Membership Survey, only 5% of members have used the directory. You can access the Consultants Directory or offer your services as a consultant on the NAPCRG Web site (<http://www.napcr.org/consultant/index.cfm>).

These three underutilized NAPCRG programs assist members with their greatest professional needs, those of mentorship, skill development, and critique. We encourage members to take advantage of these opportunities to advance their research careers.

—David Katerndahl, MD  
University of Texas HSC at  
San Antonio

### NAPCRG's Not-so-secret Programs:

- Mentorship Program
- Grant Generating Project
- Consultants Directory

Seattle, and (5) the name of your research director (if you have one).

For the intermediate researcher, NAPCRG has sponsored the GGP since 1995. Under the leadership of Dan Longo, ScD, GGP alumni have obtained more than \$200 million in external funding. Providing guided development of a major grant proposal, GGP assists intermediate-level researchers in their development of grant writing skills. Although supported by all of the major North American family medicine organizations, relatively few researchers apply for the GGP. (See the GGP article on page 2.)

Finally, for 3 years, NAPCRG has offered its Consultants

## Results of Research Ethics Quiz

When displaying data graphically in a manuscript, what is your priority?

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|---|-----|
| A. Present it as most often seen in similar papers                | 5%  |
| B. Present it completely without distorting the results           | 85% |
| C. Present it in a way that visually dramatizes differences found | 10% |

\* From opinion survey of NAPCRG members (41 respondents) conducted at the 2009 NAPCRG Annual Meeting.

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## Grant Generating Project Call for Fellow Applicants for 2010–2011 Academic Year

**G**GP is calling for applicants to the highly successful grantsmanship fellowship program. Fellows are trained in the essentials necessary to compete for grants. In addition to the potential for major

research grant funding, participation in GGP has other potential benefits to the home department of participating GGP fellows. Family medicine researchers who wish to learn to write successful research grants as part of

their development and training can take advantage of the GGP fellowship. With its emphasis on critical thinking, analysis, and writing, the GGP teaches skills that can be generalized to other grant-writing projects and scholarly writing activities. Such training should have long-term benefits in preparation for future grant development activities. GGP fellows and their departments will also derive benefits from networking activities, gaining valuable contacts with other family medicine researchers throughout North America.

Please contact Daniel Longo in the GGP Program Office at [drlongo@vcu.edu](mailto:drlongo@vcu.edu) or 804-828-9652 with any questions about the program content and expectations. For questions about program logistics or assistance with the application process, please contact Tammy Carter at [tcarter8@vcu.edu](mailto:tcarter8@vcu.edu) or 804-827-2762. Also go to our Web site for more detailed information and an application: <http://www.familymedicine.vcu.edu/research/ggp/index.html>

—Daniel Longo, ScD  
Virginia Commonwealth University

### Grant Generating Project Cost to Departments Reduced this Year

In light of the financial situation most family medicine departments are in, the Grant Generating Project was able to reduce estimated costs for this coming fellowship class so that NO participant fee will be charged to participating departments. This is clearly a year to encourage your faculty to apply.

## Mark Your Calendars—NAPCRG Annual Meeting on November 13–17, 2010

**P**lan to join your colleagues in Seattle, Washington, for NAPCRG's annual meeting. Encourage others to join and present too. We invite you to submit your presentations and make plans to attend the conference. A fabulous time was had by all at the meeting in Montreal in 2009, and we

hope you will join us in 2010. Our conference site is the Westin Seattle, which boasts a twin cylindrical tower design—a signature landmark in the Emerald City's skyline—featuring panoramic views of the Puget Sound, Space Needle, Cascade Mountains, and Seattle's cityscape. This shouldn't be missed.

### My Favorite Things About Seattle

Frederick Chen, MD, MPH, University of Washington

#### 1. Pike Place Market

Born in 1907, Seattle's Pike Place Market is the granddaddy of farmers' markets. Today, it's a major tourist attraction with 200 businesses operating year-round, 190 craftpeople, and 120 farmer booths—plus street performers and musicians. Flowers by the bucketful, flying fish, fresh pastries and fruit, handmade cheeses, local honey, wine, an assortment of restaurants, import goods, antiques, collectibles, and lots of surprises are around every corner. [www.pikeplacemarket.org](http://www.pikeplacemarket.org).



#### 2. Ballard Locks

The Iram M. Ottenden Locks, often called the Ballard Locks, link salty Puget Sound with the fresh waters of Salmon Bay, Lake Union, Portage Bay, and Lake Washington. Both tourists and locals enjoy watching the parade of sailboats, motorboats, tugs, barges, and yachts passing through. [www.cityofseattle.net/tourlocks.htm](http://www.cityofseattle.net/tourlocks.htm)

#### 3. Top Pot Donuts

Their doughnuts are considered "hand-forged" because they're made the old-fashioned way. "What's more, all of our doughnuts contain zero grams trans fat." Top Pot offers more than 40 types of doughnuts. [www.toppotdoughnuts.com](http://www.toppotdoughnuts.com)

#### 4. The Weather

Rain jokes aside, Seattle has a milder climate than many other parts of the world, with less extreme variations in temperature, and a higher number of cloudy days with misty and damp weather.



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## 2010 Call for Papers

*Submission Deadline: April 19, 2010*

The Call for Papers for the 2010 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, November 13–17, 2009, in Seattle, is now open. We welcome submissions for a forum, oral presentation on completed research, poster on completed research or research in progress, preconference workshop, or a workshop



during the conference. All researchers from around the world are welcome to submit presentations on any topic related to primary

care research. All submissions are welcome and must be received using our convenient and secure

online system available at [www.napcr.org](http://www.napcr.org).

### Why I Like to Present at the NAPCRG Annual Meeting . . .

"It's a great way to build your CV."

"It's a great way to get feedback from other researchers on your methods."

"It forces you to organize your thoughts and thus facilitates preparation for writing the manuscript."



—David A. Katerndahl, MD  
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## Call for 2010 Wood Award Nominations

The Maurice Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research is given annually to honor a researcher who has made outstanding contributions to primary care research over the course of a lifetime. Scientists from all nations, working in all professional fields and scientific disciplines, are eligible to receive the Wood Award, which is presented at the NAPCRG Annual Meeting. The award is named in honor of Maurice Wood, an early leader in primary care research and a founder of NAPCRG. To nominate

an individual for the 2010 Wood Award, submit a letter describing the nominee's contributions to primary care research and state why the person should be a candidate. Include a CV with the nomination letter. Send nominations by April 12, 2010, to NAPCRG via e-mail to [proland@napcr.org](mailto:proland@napcr.org). Please note that nominations are held in the selection pool for 3 years. After that point, individuals will have to be re-nominated to be considered. Please contact the NAPCRG office with questions at 888-371-6397.



## Proposed Establishment of Certification Programs for Health Information Technology

The Department of Health and Human Services announced the release of their proposed rules for establishing certification programs for health information technology programs which are meant to "give purchasers and users of EHR technology assurances that the technology and products have the necessary functionality and security to help meet meaningful use criteria."

Comments on the proposals for the temporary certification program must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 9, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-4991.htm>.



## Show Me the Money: Funding Opportunities for Researchers



*The purpose of Small Research Grant to Improve Health Care Quality Through Health Information Technology (IT) (R03)* is to support a wide variety of research designs to improve the quality, safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of health care through the implementation and use of health IT. Due dates are May 25 and September 25.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-268.html>

*The Career Development Grants in Occupational Safety and Health Research (R01)* is intended to help ensure the availability of adequate numbers of highly trained scientists to address occupational health and safety and to provide new occupational health and safety scientists with appropriate mentoring. The deadlines for applications are June 12 and October 12.

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?sessionId=7983LV6ZYCWyB9wgG421LzITmQt4TM7wppwwJy8TTPKGQ9220SqR-1898148945?oppId=51774&mode=VIEW>

*CDC has announced the funding opportunity NIOSH Small Research Grant Program (R03)* to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. Due dates for applications are June 16 and October 16.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-09-138.html>

*This new Recovery Act Limited Competition, The NIH Director's ARRA Funded Pathfinder Award to Promote Diversity in the Scientific Workforce (DP4)* introduces a new research grant to encourage exceptionally creative individual scientists to develop highly innovative and possibly transforming approaches for promoting diversity within the biomedical research workforce. Letters of Intent are due April 5, 2010, and the full application is due May 4, 2010.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-00-10-013.html>

*The goal of the grant program Collaborative Research on the Transition From Acute to Chronic Pain: New Models and Measures in Clinical and Preclinical Pain Research (R01)* is to stimulate preclinical and clinical research that will accelerate our understanding of the biological and behavioral determinants driving the transition from acute pain to chronic pain disorders. Letters of Intent are due May 21, 2010, and the application is due June 22, 2010.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-11-001.html>

*Research Dissemination and Implementation Grants (R18)* are to support dissemination and implementation studies to (1) develop innovative approaches to translating efficacious treatments and effective prevention modalities for heart, lung, and blood diseases and sleep disorders to the clinic, community, and/or other real-world settings, (2) test the effectiveness, sustainability, determinants, and cost-effectiveness of these approaches in real-world settings, and (3) examine the effectiveness of interventions as they are disseminated and implemented in real-world settings to reduce risk factors for and enhance prevention and treatment of heart, lung, and blood diseases and sleep disorders. Letters of Intent are due April 25, 2010, and applications are due May 25 and September 25, 2010.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-114.html>



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