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## NSHRF NEWS

### Launch of 2012-13 Research Programs' Funding Opportunities

We are pleased to launch the 2012-13 Research Program Funding Opportunities. The two grants that are currently available under this program are: Establishment and Development/Innovative Grants. These Grants are designed to support the creation, dissemination and use of health-related knowledge and to help maintain Nova Scotia health research capacity, by supporting original, high quality health research projects proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers and knowledge users.

To learn more about these funding opportunities please visit our [website](#).

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012 2:00 PM (AST)

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 2:00 PM (AST)

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### CONSUP – Research Team Development Award

The Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP) is looking for a research team that will conduct a survey to support their initiatives on generating awareness and understanding within the university student community about the long-term value of healthy food choices and active lifestyles.

All applications must be submitted to the NSHRF by **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**.

CONSUP is committed to supporting a healthy environment for students, faculty and staff at Nova Scotia's universities. In order to better understand the current status of student food choices, lifestyles and related issues and to support the long-term program objectives, the working group intends to identify a research team to design and conduct a benchmark survey that examines food choices, lifestyles and other health issues of undergraduate students across Nova Scotia's universities and the Nova Scotia Community College system.

This Team Development Award is intended to support the development of a research team that will apply for additional funding in order to conduct the benchmark survey. The team may choose to apply to any provincial, national, or international research funding competition that is peer reviewed. This Award will support activities related to team and proposal development.

For more information about the Award please review the full description [here](#).

Applications can be found [here](#).

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## OTHER NEWS

### **Save the date – Knowledge in Healthcare: Creating. Accessing. Implementing.**

We are pleased to partner with the [Health Association Nova Scotia](#) to present the following symposium:

Knowledge in Healthcare: Creating. Accessing. Implementing.

In today's environment of fiscal restraint, a greater emphasis is being placed on accountability. Health organizations are expressing the need for research driven and evidence-based best practices and decision-making. The 1.5 day event will unlock opportunities for collaboration to create research, to access best practices and to implement knowledge for better outcomes.

Date: April 12-13, 2012

Location: Atlantica Hotel, Halifax

For more information please contact Sonya Stevens: 902-835-8528 or [sonya.stevens@healthassociation.ns.ca](mailto:sonya.stevens@healthassociation.ns.ca)

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## IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

### **Researchers working together for healthy eating in Nova Scotia**

Investigators: Dr. Patricia Williams (Mount Saint Vincent University) and Dr. Sara Kirk (Dalhousie University)

Healthy eating is a hot topic in today's society and Nova Scotia is being recognized as a leader across the country in the provision of supportive environments for healthy eating. The Healthy Eating Nova Scotia strategy (HENS) has four key priority areas:

- Breastfeeding;
- Children and youth;
- Fruit and vegetable consumption; and
- Food security.

Two researchers and their teams have recently received funded through our REDI Awards to support the strategy.

Dr. Williams and her team at Mount Saint Vincent University at the Participatory Action Research and Training Centre on Food Security (PARTC-FS) undertake food security research that involves community engagement, knowledge mobilization, and policy development. They are planning to build on their work, which has supported several Nova Scotia (NS) initiatives, to engage stakeholder groups in a visioning and research planning process to help shape the future direction of the PARTC-FS. The research being

done at PARTC-FS is not only supporting NS initiatives, it is also being used by other NS researchers.

Dr. Kirk and her team at Dalhousie University is one of these researchers. Drs. Kirk and Williams have a strong history of working together. Both are collaborating on nationally funded, NS based research projects; Dr. Williams is Co-Principal Investigator and Dr. Kirk a Co-Investigator on a SSHRC-funded Community University Research Alliance, Activating Change Together for Community Food Security (ACT for CFS), a participatory research project that will use a variety of methods and tools to understand and enhance CFS for all Nova Scotians through policy change. Dr. Kirk is Co-Principal Investigator and Dr. Williams Co-Investigator on the Children's Lifestyle and School Performance (CLASS II) project, which is exploring healthy eating and active living in grade 5 students across NS. Through these linkages and the REDI program funding they will engage a broader range of researchers, policy makers, practitioners, community organizations and citizens across NS who will be dedicated to the promotion of the priority areas of the HENS, integrating current, and advancing future, health research activities and building health research capacity.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Looking for a colleague, possible collaborator, or expert source of information? Take a look through the [Nova Scotia Directory of Health Researchers](#), available online at the NSHRF website.

If you are a Nova Scotian researcher working in a discipline either directly or indirectly related to health, please take a minute to add your name to the roster through your [Canadian Common CV](#).

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