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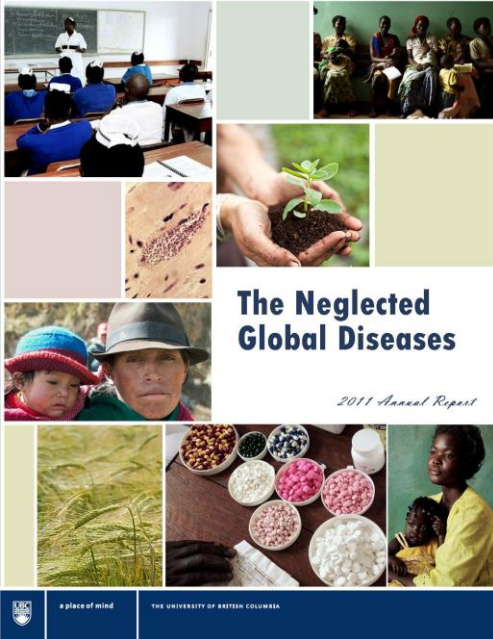
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### NGDI Annual Report released



The 2011 Annual Report for the NGDI has been placed on the website and is available [here](#). Please take a few minutes to see what we've been doing in 2011.

#### The Directors Message:

2011 has been a ground breaking year for the Neglected Global Diseases Initiative at UBC. Starting with our presentations from our first three Distinguished Lectureship awardees Dr. Michael Hayden, Dr. Julio Montaner and Mr. Stephen Lewis to the 2.8 million of funding from CIDA for important work in Bangladesh the NGDI is beginning to make its presence beyond the confines of UBC to the global health community.

In a short time the initiative has helped educate the UBC community about neglected global diseases; highlighted the outstanding work of our colleagues and facilitated collaborations among scientist scholars from different disciplines across the campus. To date, NGDI-associated researchers have received more than \$16 million in funding for projects aimed at improving health

outcomes for the world's poorest people.

It has been a wonderful year and we thank our membership for their enthusiasm and support! We look forward to a bright future in 2012.

Dr. Kishor Wasan

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### NGDI Collaborates with UCSF for WHO Contract

On December 21, 2011 the NGDI announced a new collaboration:

The World Health Organization is funding a collaboration with the Neglected Global Diseases Initiative and the University of California San Francisco for a Review of Pediatric Medicines in Lower-Middle Income Countries and Adverse Clinical Outcomes.

This short term contract is the first outcome from a visit from the WHO co-sponsored by the NGDI in August, 2010 by Dr. Clive Ondari, Coordinator of Medicines Access and Rational Use clinical team. Dr. Lisa Bero, Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy and Co-Director, San Francisco Branch United States Cochrane Center.

The review will answer the questions:

- What is the extent of poor quality pediatric medicines, as measured by failure to adhere to quality standards?
- Are poor quality standards associated with a particular level in the distribution channel (or other characteristics)?

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## Save the Date: February 24, 2012 Distinguished Lectureship Seminar featuring Dr. Keith Martin

Title: To be determined

Time: noon – 1:00 pm Seminar followed by a reception

Location: Michael Smith Laboratories Auditorium, 2185 East Mall, Vancouver Campus

Dr. Keith Martin is a medical doctor who served as the Member of Parliament for the riding of Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca on picturesque Vancouver Island from 1993 to 2011. He has a unique set of experiences and skills, having worked at the highest political levels for more than 17 years in the areas of foreign policy and international development, while having on-the-ground experience as a physician who worked in a rural hospital in South Africa while that nation was in a state of emergency. He is also an ardent conservationist who has volunteered on projects in Africa over the last 25 years.

Three years ago, he created the website [www.canadaaid.ca](http://www.canadaaid.ca), which is an online portal that links NGOs and organizations that help those in low-income settings with people interested in supporting these groups. Using his professional background as a physician, Keith developed the Centers for International Health and Development Initiative (CIHD), which uses universities in North America to help build capabilities in institutions in developing countries. He also created the Canadian Physicians Overseas Programme (CPOP), which mobilizes Canadian medical expertise to build health care capacity in low-income countries.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Funding Deadline Reminders

**January 25** - [Discover New Ways to Achieve Healthy Growth](#) Letter Of Intent, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**January 30** - The UBC Office of Research Services' deadline for both the CIHR 2011-2012 AND the CIHR Fellowship Winter 2012 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas).

**January 31** - [Preventing Preterm Birth Initiative](#) Initiative Letter Of Intent, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**February 13** – The ACHIEVE Research Partnerships, Post- Doctoral Fellowship [www.crich.ca/education.php](http://www.crich.ca/education.php)

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### NSERC CREATE Information Session

Up to \$1.6 million over six years, the Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Program supports the training of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad through the development of innovative training programs.

NSERC is presenting the 2012 CREATE competition details on **Monday, January 16** as a webinar. The national broadcast starts at 9:00am Vancouver time. SPARC has reserved Room 101 in the Michael Smith Laboratories with an audio link so participants can direct their questions to Ottawa during the presentation. Afterwards, stay to discuss strategy and learn about UBC's research support services.

**Please register in advance** in case of updates and to save yourself a seat. **Coffee and pastries will be available by 8:45am.**

- The application has two stages. Stage 1: Letter Of Intent is due May 1, 2012.
- NSERC provides UBC a yearly quota and only those researchers internally selected can submit LOIs.
- Last year's quota was 6. 2012 quota is TBA.
- **UBC's deadline for the internal selection will be April 2, 2012.** Submission details TBA.

The CREATE Program is designed to improve the mentoring and training environment for the Canadian researchers of tomorrow by improving areas such as communication, collaboration and professional skills, as well as providing experience relevant to both academic and non-academic research environments.

To build on Canada's research strengths and priorities **at least 60 percent of the CREATE funding will be directed to the following priority areas:**

- Environmental science and technologies;
- Natural resources and energy;
- Health and related life sciences and technologies; and
- Information and communications technologies.

Details of the CREATE Program [linked here](#).

When: January 16th, 2012 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM

Location: 2185 East Mall, Room 101 - Multi-Purpose Room, Michael Smith Laboratories, Vancouver Campus

**To register:** Contact Phone: [604-822-5386](tel:604-822-5386) or Email: [nicole.bennett@ubc.ca](mailto:nicole.bennett@ubc.ca)

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## AUCC Call for Proposals: [Students for Development Program](#)

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has announced their call for proposals. The deadline is February 4, 2012.

### **Who can apply**

Only international liaison officers (ILOs) can submit applications to this program. Students interested in participating in an internship should contact their university's international office.

### **How to apply – New**

#### **Call for multi-year projects (for the period of 2012-2015)**

As part of this new call, all AUCC member universities (including those with active 2011-2015 SFD projects) are invited to submit one multi-year project proposal to AUCC for the period of 2012-2015. Approximately 10 projects will be funded through this competition.

#### **Call for 2012 individual Canadian student internships**

AUCC member universities that elect not to submit a multi-year project proposal (and do not already have an active 2011-2015 SFD project) may submit applications for up to three individual Canadian student internships for 2012.

Universities that are submitting a multi-year project proposal (or already have an active 2011-2015 project) may also submit an application for one individual Canadian student internship for 2012. The university may choose to request this funding for a student whose internship activities do not fall within the scope of the current or proposed SFD project.

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## Upcoming Conferences

### Canadian Coalition of Global Health Researchers BC Forum Global Health Conference, Spring 2012

Knowledge to Action: Identifying BC's Contributions to Global Health Research (Note: Extended dates below)

The BC Forum of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research ([www.ccgghr.ca](http://www.ccgghr.ca)) is hosting its inaugural conference to promote global health research networking among individuals & institutions and provide mentorship to the next generation of researchers. To download the poster, click [here](#).

**CCGHR** Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research  
Promoting global health research and networking among BC's academic institutions

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For more information on the BC Forum of the Coalition and the upcoming conference, please visit [www.nsofi.ubc.ca/23296-2/](http://www.nsofi.ubc.ca/23296-2/)

**Workshop Proposals**  
We are now accepting workshop proposals related to the conference's main theme Knowledge to Action. The purpose of the 1.5 hour workshops held on day 2 is: a) to provide learning, mentorship and leadership to students undertaking global health research, b) to build knowledge and expertise on specific issue areas related to pursuing global health research, and c) to promote partnering and networking amongst BC's academic institutions. Proposals should be no longer than one page and include title, Facilitator credentials and/or experience, description (250 words max.), clear learning outcomes and contact information. Please submit to [jocelyn.conway@ubc.ca](mailto:jocelyn.conway@ubc.ca) no later than 5:00 pm PST on January 20, 2012.

**Poster Session**  
Students are invited to submit up to 2 abstracts showcasing their work or research on any global health subject. The abstracts will be adjudicated by a peer-review committee and accepted students will be invited to present their work in a poster session at the end of Day One. All posters will also be displayed during Day Two. Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions. Abstracts can be submitted on no more than one page in either of two formats: 1) Scientific abstracts with the following headings: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion, or 2) Programmatic abstracts with the following headings: Issues, Description, Lessons Learned and Recommendations. Please submit with "BC Forum Conference Poster Submission" as the subject to [katerine.muldoon@gmail.com](mailto:katerine.muldoon@gmail.com) no later than 5:00 pm PST on January 20, 2012.

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## Unite for Sight's, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Health and Innovation Conference

The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world's leading global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference, with 2,200 professionals and students from all 50 states and from more than 55 countries. This must-attend, thought-leading conference convenes leaders, change makers, and participants from all fields of global health, international development, and social entrepreneurship.

Location: Yale University, New Haven, CT

Date: April 21-22, 2012

[Registration](#) is currently \$170 with a student rate of \$120. The rate increases every few weeks.

For lodging and travel suggestions, click [here](#).

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## Summer Programs

### McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for [Global Health's Summer Student Program](#)

The McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health's Summer Student Program offers students a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful, real-life work in the field of global health. We are looking for passionate and driven individuals to engage with one of our exciting opportunities: [Grand Challenges Canada](#), Social Media or the Ethical, Social, Cultural and Commercial Program!

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

To be eligible for a McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health Summer Studentship, students must be currently enrolled in, or graduated within the last year from, a post-secondary institution at the time of submitting an application. International students are eligible to apply as long as they meet the aforementioned criteria and are authorized to work in Canada.

#### ***A complete application includes:***

1. Summer Student Program Application Form (online)
2. Summer Student Program Application Questions Form (Word document)
3. Resume (maximum two pages)
4. Two recommendation letters (academic and/or professional)

Once you have assembled all the necessary components of your application, please **submit it online at** <http://bit.ly/s9IHrg>. Recommendation letters must be submitted separately by the referee. The applicant must send a copy of the Instructions for Referees document to their referees to ensure that the letters of recommendation meet the requirements. Do not forget to provide your referee with the same email address that you are intending to apply with as this will be required for them to submit their recommendation letter.

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