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**ALLIED HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2009 AHRI FELLOWSHIPS—4 \$10,000 fellowships to be awarded**

**St. Louis, Missouri, February 3, 2009** – The Allied Health Research Institute (AHRI), an academic and industry partnership vested with increasing the number of qualified allied health professionals, has announced a Request for Applications for AHRI Fellowships.

The four, \$10,000 AHRI Fellowships will be awarded to faculty and staff from AHRI academic members. Funds will be provided to support analyses of industry and academic databases that will facilitate improvements in rehabilitation policy and practices--especially in the areas of physical, occupational and speech therapy.

"We are delighted to offer the AHRI Fellowships to our member schools," said Dr. Andrew Balas, Chair of the AHRI Research Council. "The fellowships offer a dynamic opportunity to promote research and scholarship related to rehabilitation."

The Research Council Committee will consider requests for support in the following categories: personnel, equipment, computing, and travel. Other expenses such as consumable supplies, permission fees, publication costs, copying costs, are among the other types of support that may be approved by the Research Council.

"Based on the positive response of the AHRI Fellowship program in 2008, this year we will award four fellowships," said Stephen Lennartz, director of AHRI. "Everyday it becomes more apparent that if not addressed, the growing need for allied health professionals will threaten the quality of healthcare. Through the AHRI Fellowships, vital research can be obtained and we can

explore solutions to address these critical shortages and ultimately...improve the nation's health.”

Applicants must have written support for the Fellowship from their employing institution. The deadline for applications is May 25, 2009. For more information, contact Stephen Lennartz, executive director of AHRI at 314-659-2442, or e-mail at [ahri@rehabcare.com](mailto:ahri@rehabcare.com).

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### **About Allied Health Research Institute**

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, the Allied Health Research Institute (AHRI) is a non-profit organization comprised of employers, academia and other members that have a unified goal of proliferating the field of allied health with qualified professionals and developing better, more efficient models of care. The principal objectives of AHRI include:

- Create a central data repository to collect and analyze clinical outcomes for the purpose of establishing industry and academic-supported, evidence-based practice patterns
- Promote awareness and advocacy of public and private sector policies that support growth and more efficient, effective and higher quality standards of care
- Advance education and training to better integrate curriculum and accreditation requirements with the needs of patients and employers

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