

# International Affairs Office **Award Competition**

International Collaboration On Repair Discoveries (ICORD) at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada, seeks applications from international distinguished trainees and scholars in two newly-established programs administered through the International Affairs Office:

- 1. Visit ICORD on a Scholarship for International Trainees (VISIT program)**  
**Application deadlines: September 1, 2011 + February 1, 2012**
- 2. ICORD Distinguished Visiting Scholar (scientist/clinician) program.**  
**Application deadline: September 1, 2011**

*Note that the number of awards is limited by the guidelines outlined in this announcement.*

## **1. Visit ICORD on a Scholarship for International Trainees (VISIT program)** **Application deadlines: September 1, 2011 + February 1, 2012**

- This program will support a trainee visit to ICORD (up to \$20,000 CAD for a postdoctoral fellow, and up to \$10,000 CAD for international trainees at the masters or doctoral levels);
- Priority will be given to applicants from developing countries, according to financial need; Partial support for the trainee's salary, travel, and living expenses must be provided by the host ICORD PI(s);
- The visit to ICORD must start within six months of the date of offer;
- Funding will be distributed following the review of applications submitted to the ICORD Adjudication Committee (applications due **September 1 2011** and **February 1 2012**). Results will be announced one month after the deadlines.
- Depending on the applicant pool, three to six VISIT awards could be available in each competition. The total amount of each award will be determined by the availability of internal funding, and by additional support provided by the host supervisor.

### **The VISIT application must include:**

- The CV of the applicant
- The project proposal (2 pages)
- A letter of support from the ICORD host supervisor (with statement of availability of additional support for the proposed applicant)
- A letter of support from the applicant's home institution, describing how participation in the VISIT program will enhance the research and training of the applicant.



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### 2. ICORD Distinguished Visiting Scholar (scientist/clinician) program

**Application deadline: September 1, 2011**

- i. This program will support visiting scholars to ICORD (up to \$20,000 CAD). Priority will be given to scholars visiting from outside of Canada.
- ii. Established (tenure-track faculty or equivalent) discovery scientists, clinical researchers, or clinicians are eligible to apply;
- iii. The duration of the visit is expected to be one to three months;
- iv. It is expected that in addition to a research project at a chosen laboratory, the visiting scholar will be also be involved in teaching/research seminars and meeting with ICORD trainees;
- v. The visit must commence within 1 year of the date of offer;
- vi. The International Affairs Committee expects to support one Distinguished Visiting Scholar per year. Applications are due September 1 2011.

#### **The Distinguished Visiting Scholar application must include:**

1. A letter of nomination from an ICORD host. Self-nomination is not permitted. The letter must indicate how this visit will benefit the training environment at ICORD.
2. A CV of the nominee.
3. A schedule of the anticipated activities during the visit.
4. A detailed budget for the visit, providing justification for each expense.

#### **Submit completed applications to:**

ICORD International Affairs Office,  
c/o Ms. Cheryl Niamath, ICORD Administrative Manager  
niamath@icord.org / fax: 1-604-675-8820



ICORD is an interdisciplinary UBC research centre focused on spinal cord injury. This unique initiative brings together spinal cord injury researchers from the Sciences, Medicine, Surgery, Rehabilitation, Engineering, Education, and community-based Humanities research. ICORD is located within the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre (BSCC) on the site of Vancouver General Hospital and is thus also a part of Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI). The BSCC includes ICORD, the multidisciplinary Brenda & David McLean Integrated Spine Clinic of VCH, and the Rick Hansen Institute (RHI). Together, this presents an exciting opportunity for partnership that spans basic and clinical research, clinical care, and knowledge translation.

For additional information about ICORD, please see [www.icord.org](http://www.icord.org)

If you would like more information about the VISIT or Distinguished Visiting Scholar programs, please contact the International Affairs Office at ICORD, c/o Ms. Cheryl Niamath, ICORD Administrative Manager (telephone 604-675-8844 or email [niamath@icord.org](mailto:niamath@icord.org)).



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