

# icord seed grants

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ICORD Seed Grants are designed to provide seed funding for novel research projects proposed by Principal Investigators and Investigators within ICORD.

A total of **\$200,000** is available to be awarded over two competitions (August and February). The scope of the requests can be quite broad as long as it can be shown that the projects are aligned with ICORD's Mission and Research Platform and that they have a likelihood of leading to a sustainable research program. We anticipate funding three to five projects (approximately \$20K to \$40K each) in each competition. Proposals must be submitted by ICORD Principal Investigators or Investigators. Faculty members may submit one application per round of funding, and may not apply for funding if they currently hold an ICORD Research Grant.

Applications will be reviewed by all members of the ICORD Research Grants Committee using a five point scale (akin to CIHR, 5 being the best). The committee will consist of:

- Dr. Tom Oxland, ICORD Acting Director
- Dr. Lowell McPhail, ICORD Operations Manager
- Dr. Tamara English, VCHRI Research Grant Development Advisor

and *two* of the following:

- Dr. Marcel Dvorak, ICORD Associate Director, Clinical Research
- Dr. Andrei Krassioukov, ICORD Associate Director, Rehabilitation Research
- Dr. Tania Lam, ICORD Associate Director, Education and Training
- Dr. Wolfram Tetzlaff, ICORD Associate Director, Discovery Science

The criteria for judging the proposals include:

- The appropriateness of the **research plan**, including its feasibility and the use of the best available methodology;
- The **significance/impact** of the work proposed and its **originality**, or novelty of the concepts, ideas or hypotheses being pursued in the application.;
- The suitability of the **research environment**, including the availability of facilities, personnel, and time, required to complete the work proposed;
- The **alignment** of the proposed research with ICORD's Mission & Research Platform and the **likelihood** that a successful proposal will lead to a sustainable program.

**Application deadlines:** August 1, 2011 + February 1, 2012.

The results of the competition will be announced by August 31, 2011 / February 28, 2012.

(must be an ICORD Principal Investigator or Investigator and must have submitted a 2010-11 Annual Report to ICORD Administration before submitting this application)

**Name** (Surname, Given Names):

**Affiliation:**

Department (s)  
ICORD (International Collaboration On Repair Discoveries)

Institution

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**Co-Applicant(s):** If co-applicants are not ICORD PIs/Investigators, please attach CV

**Name** (Surname, Given Names):

Affiliation (Department / Institution):

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**Project title:**

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**Amount requested:**

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## Signatures

It is agreed that the general conditions governing Grants and Awards at the Host Institution apply to any grant or award made pursuant to this application and are hereby accepted by the applicant(s) and the applicant's employing institution. The applicant accepts responsibility for obtaining any ethics and/or biohazard certificates required by the host institution prior to release of funds.

Applicant

Head of Department in which grant  
will be held

Host Institution

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### **Research summary (for lay public)**

Please provide a summary of the project's objective(s), potential results and impact for people with SCI. Use language appropriate for the lay public. Maximum 2000 characters including spaces.

### **Research summary (for peer review committee)**

Please provide a summary of the project's objective(s), hypothesis and research plan. Use language appropriate for a peer review committee. Maximum 2000 characters including spaces.

## Research proposal (max 1 page)

Provide a clear, concise description of the research proposal. Maximum of one page (5000 characters including spaces). You may attach **one** additional page of references, figures, tables, charts, or photographs.

**Alignment with ICORD's Mission and Research Platform**

Provide a concise explanation of how the proposed project aligns with ICORD's Mission and Research Platform as outlined in the Strategic Directions Implementation Plan. (maximum 600 characters including spaces)

**Plan to Secure Future External Funding**

Provide a concise description of how completion of the proposed project will lead to future funding from external granting or other sources. (maximum 600 characters including spaces)

**Itemized Budget + Justification**

Provide estimates for a full year of the research project. Each budget item should be supported by a short justification statement and include applicable taxes. Maximum 1.5 pages (5000 characters including spaces).

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TOTAL APPLICATION LENGTH MAY NOT EXCEED SIX PAGES

**Total Requested: \$**