

International exchange **Award Competition**

Through funding provided by the Rick Hansen Foundation in support of the Blusson Integrated Cures Partnership, International Collaboration On Repair Discoveries (ICORD) at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada, seeks applications from international distinguished trainees and scholars:

- 1. ICORD Visiting Trainee program**
- 2. ICORD Visiting Scholar (scientist/clinician) program.**

1. ICORD Visiting Trainee program

- This program will support a trainee visit to ICORD (up to \$7,500 CAD);
- 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 one year of the date of offer;
- Funding will be distributed following the review of applications submitted to the ICORD Adjudication Committee. Results will be announced one month after the deadlines.
- The total amount of each award will be determined by the availability of funding, and by additional support provided by the host supervisor.
- A final report is required to be submitted within 90 days of completion of project.

The VISIT application must include:

- The CV of the applicant
- The project proposal (2 pages) plus a detailed budget for the visit providing justification for each expense.
- 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.
- A lay summary (approximately 150-200 words) describing the project, suitable for publication on the ICORD website, social media, etc.



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2. ICORD Visiting Scholar (scientist/clinician) program

- i. This program will support visiting scholars to ICORD (up to \$15,000 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. A final report is required to be submitted within 90 days of completion of project.

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 / research environment at ICORD.
2. A CV of the nominee / applicant
3. A project proposal (2 pages) plus a detailed budget for the visit, providing justification for each expense.
4. A lay summary (approximately 150-200 words) describing the project, suitable for publication on the ICORD website, social media, etc.

Submit completed applications to:

Dr. Lowell McPhail, ICORD Managing Director
mcphail@icord.org / fax: 1-604-675-8820

** You will receive a confirmation by email within 2 working days of receipt of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact Dr. McPhail.*

If you would like **more information** about the VISIT or Distinguished Visiting Scholar programs, please contact Dr. Lowell McPhail, ICORD Managing Director (1-604-675-8811 / mcphail@icord.org).

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

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