

International Exchange **Award Competition** for ICORD researchers

Through funding provided by the Rick Hansen Foundation in support of the Blusson Integrated Cures Partnership, ICORD is pleased to support international collaboration for ICORD Principal Investigators (PIs) and Investigators:

International travel award for ICORD Investigators

- i. This program will support travel costs of ICORD PIs for unique research opportunities (i.e. non-conference travel) of up to \$15,000 CAD;
- ii. Eligible expenses include (but are not limited to): collaborative research projects with international laboratories, participation in knowledge translation activities, and consulting with other research/clinical centres
- iii. ICORD PIs and Investigators are eligible to apply. In accordance with membership guidelines, ICORD PIs will have priority in allocation of funds;
- iv. It is expected that following the travel supported by this program, the ICORD PI will give a seminar to report on activities conducted abroad;
- v. This award must be used within one year of the date of offer;
- vi. A final report is required to be submitted within 90 days of completion of project.
- vii. Applicants will be reviewed by an adjudication committee using a 5-point scale (akin to CIHR, with 5 being the highest score). To maintain a standard of excellence, no applications scoring below 3.5 will be funded.

Applications for the International Travel Award must include:

1. A letter from the ICORD PI/Investigator, describing how their activities conducted abroad will i) enhance ICORD's international profile, ii) advance SCI research and education on an international stage, and iii) benefit and inform ICORD trainees, clinicians, and scientists;
2. An invitation from the proposed host institute/hospital/centre;
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
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** 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.*

For more information about this program, please contact
Dr. Lowell McPhail, ICORD Managing Director
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