



summer research program
for Indigenous youth

Are you a high school student from an Indigenous background? Are you interested in studying science and doing research?

ICORD, a spinal cord injury (SCI) research centre in the UBC Faculty of Medicine and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Centre, in partnership with UBC’s School of Biomechanical Engineering, is excited to offer a summer program to provide opportunities and mentorship for Indigenous youth interested in scientific research. We’re inviting high school students (currently in grade 10 - 12) to do research projects with us. We are hoping that this experience in a research environment might inspire you to go on in the sciences, and maybe consider further studies or a career in neuroscience.

Start date: July 5, 2021 • **End date:** August 13, 2021 • **Hourly wage:** \$15.00 (5 hours/day)

Location of project: either ICORD (818 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver) or UBC Point Grey Campus. Virtual opportunities are also possible for 2021.

How to apply: please complete this form and return it by email to admin@icord.org.

Application deadline: April 23, 2021.

Name: _____

Current grade: _____ School: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

- **Please attach a letter** (max. two pages) explaining why you want to take part in this summer research program.
- **Please review and sign the consent form on the following page.**
- **Please have your science teacher or school counsellor sign below:**

I, _____ support this application by _____ to
(teacher’s name) (student’s name)
ICORD’s summer research program for indigenous youth.

signature

title

date

**For more information, see icord.org/issp or call
604-675-8844**



There are a lot of questions here! We're not concerned about your writing skills, we just want to know a bit about you. If you prefer to answer over a Zoom call, let us know and we'll set one up (admin@icord.org / 604-675-8844).

Please answer the following questions:

How did you hear about this program?

- teacher friend/family member social media
 other: _____

What is your favourite subject in school? Why?

Have you taken any lab courses in school?

- No Yes: _____

What do you like to do for fun? What are your hobbies?

What is most interesting about ICORD to you?

Have you had a job before?

- No Yes: what did you do? _____

Are you available to work 25 hours a week between July 5 and August 13?

- Yes No

Sometimes you might need to start early or stay late to work on a time-sensitive experiment.

Do you have any other commitments in the summer that might make this a problem?

- No Yes

What are your future plans?

What do you hope to learn or get out of the experience of working in an ICORD or Biomedical Engineering lab for the summer?

Is there anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

Do you have any questions for us?



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We are excited about your interest in participating in ICORD’s Summer Research Program for Indigenous Youth. As a condition for participating in this program, you agree as follows:

1. You are 15 years of age or older, and legally entitled to work in Canada.
2. You consent to participate in research activities in ICORD and School of Biomedical Engineering (SBME) laboratories at the University of British Columbia (UBC).
3. There are a variety of projects in which you might participate during this program, some of which may take place in discovery science or engineering laboratories. ICORD and SBME faculty, staff, and students will take reasonable precautions to keep you safe, including providing appropriate supervision, laboratory and chemical safety training, and personal protective equipment. However, please be aware that your participation in this program may expose you to potentially hazards associated with a typical research lab environment (for example: chemicals, sharps, allergens etc.).
4. By participating in this program, you consent to the use of your photograph or video image, in any communications or future publicity carried out by ICORD/SBME/UBC or our partner organizations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

In-person and virtual experiences are available for the 2021 program.

Please let us know if you have a preference:

In-person only

Virtual only

Either is fine

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