



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 Biomedical 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 9 - 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 or biomedical engineering.

**Start date:** July 4, 2023 • **End date:** August 11, 2023 • **Hourly wage:** \$15.65 (5 hours/day)

**Location of project:** 818 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, UBC Point Grey Campus, or UBC-Okanagan Campus, Kelowna.

**How to apply:** please complete this form and return it by email to [summer@icord.org](mailto:summer@icord.org).

**Application deadline: March 31, 2023.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

School contact (teacher, counsellor, Indigenous support staff):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (phone or email): \_\_\_\_\_

- Please complete the questions on pages 2-3.
- Please review and sign the consent form on page 4.
- Note: if you are accepted to this program you may need to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

For more information, see [icord.org/issp/](http://icord.org/issp/)  
email [summer@icord.org](mailto:summer@icord.org),  
or call 604-675-8830



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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 (summer@icord.org / 604-675-8830).

**Please answer the following questions:**

For which site do you wish to be considered?

- UBC Vancouver (ICORD/SBME)     UBC-Okanagan (ICORD)

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?

Which areas of research particularly interest you (choose as many as you like)?

- |   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> laboratory science     | <input type="checkbox"/> injury biomechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> psycho-social | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure yet<br>(which is totally fine!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> biomedical engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> medical imaging     | <input type="checkbox"/> clinical care |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> neuroscience           | <input type="checkbox"/> data science        | <input type="checkbox"/> physiology    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> microscopy             | <input type="checkbox"/> rehabilitation      | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____  |   |

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 12?

- 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 identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis)
3. You consent to participate in research activities in ICORD and School of Biomedical Engineering laboratories at the University of British Columbia.
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 School of Biomedical Engineering 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.).

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
phone email

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