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"Alberta is on a powerful roll when it comes to research on the frontiers of wireless communications. These three new iCORE (Informatics Circle of Research Excellence) appointments at the University of Calgary are a part of this great momentum, and help to establish Alberta as a world leader in this significant area."

Innovation and Science Minister Lorne Taylor

ICT research gains momentum with three new U of C appointments valued at \$8 million

CALGARY – The Government of Alberta's investment in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector is paying off, as the second round of high profile research appointments are announced today. The appointments of Dr Graham Jullien, Dr Gérard Lachapelle and Dr Carey Williamson to three new iCORE-funded positions at the University of Calgary, will be officially celebrated today at a noon ceremony at the Alberta Research Council building in Calgary.

"For the University of Calgary, these are very significant appointments. We are delighted to be able to support our outstanding researchers in ICT at the University of Calgary, as well as to attract new talent. With Drs Jullien, Lachapelle and Williamson on board, and the further potential of programs like iCORE, the University of Calgary's future in these critical areas is extremely bright," said Dr Terry White, president of the University of Calgary.

Dr Graham Jullien is a leading researcher in advanced information processing, who comes to Calgary from University of Windsor. Dr Gérard Lachapelle has developed a reputation as a global expert on wireless location research and has been at the University of Calgary for the past decade. Dr Carey Williamson is a rising star in the field of broadband wireless networks and will move to Calgary from the University of Saskatchewan.

"We're definitely seeing a new perception of Alberta emerge as a place to do ICT research," Dr Brian Unger, president of iCORE, explains. "These appointments are part of a larger movement to build a critical mass of researchers in wireless internetworking, which is province-wide. This will lead to Alberta and its universities being recognized by researchers and industry leaders as world class in this growing area of communications."

All of these appointments involve the development of research teams that will bring additional professors, postdoctoral and graduate students to Alberta. The iCORE funding, valued at \$8 million over five years for all three research programs, will comprise about half of the total funding, with the remainder coming from other grants and industry funding. Dr Jullien has received \$3.7 million in iCORE funding, Dr Lachapelle has received \$2.5 million and Dr Williamson \$1.75 million.

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