



INFORMATICS

STRATEGY, PLANNING AND

RECRUITING GRANTS

Funding is available to assist in the attraction of researchers and development of proposals for iCORE's major award programs.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support faculty members at Alberta universities in strategizing, planning and recruiting for the development of outstanding research teams in information science and engineering at Alberta universities.

ISPR grants are expected to lead to a proposal to establish an iCORE Chair, Professor, Industry Chair or Visiting Professor.

ISPR grants are intended to support researchers at Alberta universities in the process of identifying and attracting global leaders in information science and engineering and in the subsequent process of building strong research teams. iCORE supports a variety of approaches to recruiting outstanding researchers.

ISPR grants will fund travel, accommodation or other costs in support of the development of a proposal for an iCORE Chair or Professor and associated research team. The activities supported might involve: bringing in renowned researchers for workshops aimed at calibrating our understanding of research goals and methodologies in a particular area; organizing thinktanks with invited participants aimed at developing a proposal for a Chair; conferences or seminars that explore research areas in which iCORE is interested in supporting a Chair, hosting a potential Chair and his or her family for a visit to Alberta.

Proposals may be submitted at any time and are reviewed and approved monthly.



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About iCORE

The mission of the Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence (iCORE) is to attract and grow a critical mass of exceptional researchers in the field of informatics, that is, areas of computer science, electrical and computer engineering, physics, mathematics and other disciplines related to information and communications technology (ICT). iCORE invests in people – the highest caliber research scientists who work on fundamental and applied problems in informatics. Around these leaders, world-class research teams are developed.

iCORE was established in October 1999 by the Government of Alberta to foster world-class university-based research that supports the ICT sector. This investment stems from a belief that strong fundamental research is at the core of a healthy economic sector, which in turn creates social, cultural and economic advantages for Albertans.

iCORE is directing its support to areas in which Alberta has a chance to develop internationally recognized research teams. It is also focusing on areas in which Alberta companies are active, so that intellectual property and valuable knowledge workers resulting from iCORE's investment will have compelling reasons to stay in Alberta.

For more information on iCORE's strategy and areas of research focus, visit www.icore.ca.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1) Hosting activities that involve individuals who may be potential Chair or Professor candidates

The criteria for evaluating grant applications are:

- extent to which the research and candidate(s) meets iCORE criteria for an iCORE Chair, Professor, Industrial Chair or Visiting Professor;
- departmental support for the research and candidate(s);
- potential for recruiting candidates for iCORE funding;
- potential to increase Alberta informatics research networks;
- plan for evaluation and follow up of candidate and/or project.

2) Conference sponsorships

The criteria for evaluating grant applications are:

- extent to which the conference topic is aligned with iCORE's target research areas;
- departmental support for the conference;
- potential for recruiting candidates for iCORE funding;
- potential to increase Alberta informatics research networks;
- plan for evaluation and follow up for possible candidate and/or collaborative research project.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Proposals should describe in five pages or less:

- proposed planning, strategizing or recruiting activity;
- area of research;
- approach, objectives, plan and schedule;
- connection to current Alberta research and researchers;
- proposed participant or participants (curriculum vita[e] or bio attached);
- evaluation process and next steps;
- funding request.

Proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF or Word format to proposals@icore.ca.

For more information, visit www.icore.ca, call 403-210-5335 or send email to info@icore.ca.