



AUTISM **R**ESearch **T**RAINING *Program*



Autism Research Training Summer School Program for Latin American Applicants August 23 – 27, 2010 Montreal, QC

Application Guidelines and Process

We are pleased to announce the 7th annual Autism Research Training (ART) Summer School Program to be held in Montreal, QC in **August 2010**.

The program provides the conceptual background for research in Autism Spectrum Disorders and will be of interest to health care professionals and postdoctoral trainees, researchers, clinicians in psychiatry and other mental health disciplines; residents and graduate students in Health & Social Science programs such as psychology, social work, nursing, speech and occupational therapy.

The summer school was designed as a mandatory component of the 3-year track and 1-year track ART Program. All trainees in the ART Program must attend the 5-day intensive summer school as a compulsory part of their training.

Due to an increased demand to attend **ONLY** the summer school, the ART Program Advisory Committee has made it available to applicants interested in attending only the 5-day intensive summer school program. These applicants will be considered summer school-only ART trainees and will be required to pay a tuition fee upon acceptance into the summer school.

A limited number of spaces have been reserved for applicants from Latin American countries. Due to a partnership between the ART Program and Autism Speaks, the regular tuition fee will be waived for all successful aforementioned applicants. This is a unique training opportunity that will bring together clinicians, researchers and students from across Canada and abroad, and from a variety of health related disciplines.

For more information, please visit our website at www.traininautism.com.

Eligibility

An application review committee will select individuals based on research interests in the field of autism, and disciplinary background.

Applicants:

- 1) Must be professionals working, studying or training in an autism-related field.
- 2) Must be committed to attend the entire summer school program (**August 23 – 27, 2010**)

Applicants are **NOT** eligible if they have applied or have been accepted in the 3-year track or 1-year track program.

The Format

The format will include lecture sessions, visits to centres / schools, and interviews with ASD families. The morning and afternoon sessions (9:00-12:00, 13:30-16:30) will be in lecture format. Evening sessions (18:30-20:30) may include visits from families with ASD members, who will share their experiences with the students, as well as other trainee-led events.

Application Process **APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, July 16, 2010**

Please provide the following information and send via email to the Program Coordinator

- 1) **ART summer school-only application form:** Complete the attached form.
- 2) **General research interests (included in application form):** Provide the title and summary of your thesis or current research project(s) or, if not working on a thesis, a summary of your research interests. Must not exceed 250 words.
- 3) **Training expectations / contributions (included in application form):** Provide an overview of how the summer school program fits with the direction of your studies / career path. Include any expectations of what you want to get from the summer school and what you can contribute. Must not exceed 250 words.
- 4) **Include a copy of your CV – short form:** (maximum 3 pages in length)
- 5) **Letter of recommendation:** Request a letter of recommendation, using the form provided, from your thesis supervisor / mentor or work supervisor / director. Please have them email the letter directly to the Program Coordinator, at the address below.

Email – 1), 2), 3), 4) and 5) to:

ART Program Advisory Committee
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