



Banting Research Foundation/ Rick Hansen Institute Discovery Award

The **Banting Research Foundation** and the **Rick Hansen Institute** are pleased to announce a funding partnership to support research by early career investigators focused on areas relevant to spinal cord injury (SCI).

The human and economic costs of SCI are devastating. For the 86,000 Canadians who have spinal cord injuries, life is changed forever. SCI costs the Canadian economy more than \$2.7 Billion annually, in health care costs and lost productivity.

The ***Banting Research Foundation/ Rick Hansen Institute Discovery Award*** is a one-year grant of up to \$25,000 that will support research which could potentially enable medical breakthroughs and transformative health care advances to reduce the human and economic costs associated with SCI. Eligible candidates must be focused on research in one or more of the following areas relevant to SCI: paralysis, pressure ulcers, urinary tract infections, neuropathic pain, predictive preclinical models of evaluation, and spinal cord injury in Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Eligibility is not limited to those specializing in the field of SCI, but the research must be applicable to SCI. The Banting Research Foundation/ Rick Hansen Institute Discovery Award will be awarded through the grant program of the Banting Research Foundation.

Eligible applicants must be in the first three years of an academic appointment at a university or research institute in Canada. For complete guidelines and application instructions, see:

www.bantingresearchfoundation.ca/grants/guidelines/

Application deadline: March 15, 2017

The **Banting Research Foundation** is a registered charity that funds health and biomedical research in Canada. Its mission is to invest in the early careers of researchers who demonstrate excellence and creativity in health and biomedical sciences. The Foundation was established in 1925 to support the ongoing research of Frederick Banting and other scientists, and has been continually funding research since then through an annual grant program. www.bantingresearchfoundation.ca

The **Rick Hansen Institute** is a Canadian-based not-for-profit organization committed to accelerating the translation of discoveries and best practices into improved treatments for people with SCI. It does this by leading the collaboration of researchers, health care professionals, individuals with SCI and like-minded organizations across Canada and internationally. RHI has matched leadership and research collaboration with government funding to facilitate one of the largest interdisciplinary SCI research programs in the world. www.rickhanseninstitute.org

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