



Autism Ontario RSIG Travel Bursary 2009

Autism Ontario is pleased to offer travel bursaries (up to 5) in the amount of \$100 to support attendance on Friday, April 3, 2009 at the Research Special Interest Group (RSIG) Day. This is part of the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD) annual Conference being held in Barrie, at the Kempfenfelt Conference Centre.

Autism Ontario sees these bursaries as another opportunity to invest in the future of autism research by supporting students who will be the future leaders in the ASD community. Attending RSIG will provide an important opportunity to network with researchers and learn about the broader field of developmental disabilities.

The majority of funds that support this travel bursary come from *Together for Autism*, a program of Autism Ontario that raises awareness about autism and Aspergers while raising dollars for research. The number of bursaries offered is determined on an annual basis and determined by the funds available for this and other funded research grants and scholarships.

Application procedure:

To qualify, one must:

- Be a graduate or undergraduate student researcher
- Be registered at an Ontario university or college when the application is submitted
- Show achievement in ASD research.
- Describe how your ASD research will assist you in your future career opportunities

Preference will be given to students whose abstracts focus on ASD and have already been accepted for presentation at RSIG - 2009.

The student must submit the following documents by **March 5, 2009** to Autism Ontario at 1179A King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON M6K 3C5:

1. Copy of abstract that has been accepted by RSIG.
If part of a larger research team, student should describe his / her specific roles within the project. (1/2 page maximum, single spaced, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins)

2. Description of: (1/2 page maximum, single spaced, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins)
 - why attending RSIG would be beneficial to future career plans
 - how your research will impact future career plans.
3. Signature of the student, research supervisor or mentor familiar with the candidates research achievement, indicating awareness of, and support for, the student's submission to Autism Ontario.
4. Contact information for the applicant (full mailing address, phone number, email address).

Bursary recipients will be asked to formally acknowledge Autism Ontario's support in the presentation/on their poster.

Decisions should be made about successful applicants by the end of March. Autism Ontario will issue a cheque for \$100 to each successful candidate upon receipt of an informative (1/2 page - 1 page) about what they have learned from RSIG. This report must be written about a poster presentation/public presentation not from within their research group. Reports should be submitted by April 16, 2009. The report is likely to be posted on the Autism Ontario website or in a relevant Autism Ontario publication, e.g. our magazine, *Autism Matters*. For information: visit www.autismontario.com, or email mail@autismontario.com