



## Autism Ontario RSIG Travel Bursary 2008

Autism Ontario is pleased to announce a pilot program offering a travel bursary in the amount of \$200 to support attendance at the Research Special Interest Group (RSIG) Day on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 which is part of the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD) annual Conference being held in Barrie, at the Kempenfelt 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.

### Application procedure:

To qualify, one must:

- Be a graduate or undergraduate student researcher
- Be registered at an Ontario university or college
- Show achievement in ASD research.
- Plan to pursue a career in the field of ASD

Preference will be given to students whose abstracts focus on ASD and have already been accepted for presentation at RSIG - 2008.

The student must submit the following documents by **March 17, 2008** 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 why attending RSIG would be beneficial to future career plans (1/2 page maximum, single spaced, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins).
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 \$200 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 18, 2008. 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](http://www.autismontario.com), or email [mail@autismontario.com](mailto:mail@autismontario.com)