

\$20,000 Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Expanded

August 11, 2006 - The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute is pleased to announce its \$20,000 scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities is now available at additional universities. Besides the University of Toronto, students at McMaster University, Ryerson University, the University of Waterloo, Wilfred Laurier University, and York University are now eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Toronto Rehab views the scholarship as more than an academic award. “This exciting scholarship is intended to act as a spur to involving people with disabilities in rehabilitation-related research,” says Dr. Geoff Fernie, Vice President, Research, at Toronto Rehab.

“We look forward to working closely with scholars from the eligible universities to support their academic and research success and to open doors to careers in rehabilitation research.”

With the support of TD Bank Financial Group, Toronto Rehab is able to provide scholarships of \$20,000 and a supplement for educational expenses incurred as a result of the student’s disability. Applicants must plan to be enrolled in a rehabilitation-related graduate program leading to a masters or doctoral degree at one of the eligible universities.

Fields of study must relate to rehabilitation but are not limited to any particular discipline. Eligible disciplines may include but are not limited to: Engineering, Social Work, Psychology, Medicine, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Kinesiology, Nursing, Recreation and Music Therapy, Nutrition, Pharmacology, Speech-Language Pathology, Biology, Biostatistics, Chemistry, Physics, Early Childhood Education, Architecture, Computer Science, Sociology, and Public Policy and Administration.

The next round of scholarships will be awarded for the 2007/08 academic year, with an application deadline date of May 1, 2007. Applications are encouraged from international students and final year undergraduate students.

For more information on the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Scholarship in Rehabilitation-Related Research for Graduate Students with Disabilities visit www.torontorehab.com or contact Lois Ward at ward.lois@torontorehab.on.ca or 416 597-3422, ext. 3081.

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (Toronto Rehab) is at the forefront of one of the most important and emerging frontiers in health care today – rehabilitation science. As a fully affiliated teaching and research hospital of the University of Toronto, Toronto Rehab is Canada's largest academic provider of adult rehabilitation services, complex continuing care, and long-term care. Toronto Rehab is advancing rehabilitation knowledge and practice through research, education and patient care.