



SHARCNET awards \$280,000 in Research Chairs

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The Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network (SHARCNET) is pleased to announce the results of the Round IV competition for SHARCNET Research Chairs. At its meeting on September 22, 2008, the SHARCNET Board of Directors approved the allocation of two new SHARCNET Research Chairs as follows:

<u><i>Institution</i></u>	<u><i>Research Area</i></u>
<i>University of Waterloo</i>	<i>Geomatics</i>
<i>University of Ontario Institute of Technology</i>	<i>Interactive and Collaborative Scientific Visualization</i>

This allocation allows the institutions to begin recruitment efforts for a suitable Chair candidate. Each award is conditional on final approval of the Chair candidate by the SHARCNET Chairs Selection Committee and Board of Directors, and, if successful, corresponds to two years of bridge salary funding for each of the Research Chairs.

SHARCNET wishes to acknowledge **Hewlett Packard** and **Silicon Graphics** for their financial contributions which support this very important research program.

About the SHARCNET Chairs Program

The Chairs Program is a cornerstone of SHARCNET's mission. Its goals are to enhance research requiring high performance computing (HPC), to build a community of expertise in HPC amongst its partners and to attract world-class researchers. The program provides bridge salary funding for tenure-track faculty positions for up to two years. SHARCNET Research Chairs are expected to enhance research using HPC and to promote interdisciplinary studies and interactions among departments and universities. The program is intended to attract new recruits to a department or faculty.

Since July 2001, SHARCNET has provided bridge funding for 18 SHARCNET Research Chairs. Applications are evaluated by the SHARCNET Chairs Selection Committee, which includes representatives from across disciplines from the partner institutions. Refer to the Chairs Program Policy and Guidelines for full details of the program:
www.sharcnet.ca/Research/Chairs_Program_Jan21_08.pdf

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