



## **SHARCNET adds Nipissing University as an Academic Partner**

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SHARCNET is pleased to announce the addition of Nipissing University as its newest academic partner.

Originally constituted in 2001 with 7 partners (5 universities and 2 colleges), SHARCNET now includes 17 institutions (14 universities, 2 colleges and a research institute) and is the largest HPC consortium in Canada by number of institutions. With this expansion, all but one of Ontario's 21 universities are now part of one of the three HPC consortia (HPCVL: 5; SciNet:1; SHARCNET: 14).

Nipissing views membership as part of their strategy to raise their level of research and from SHARCNET's perspective and that of the Ontario HPC Council it is consistent with the view that the three consortia act to provide a generally accessible HPC platform in Ontario.

"Nipissing University is extremely pleased to be part of the SHARCNET consortium," says Dr. Andrew Dean, Professor of Mathematics at Nipissing and their appointed SHARCNET Board representative. "The University is currently engaged in an exercise to increase the level of fundamental research and to add graduate programs. The Departments of Mathematics, Computer Science and Biology will immediately benefit from being part of SHARCNET. Having access to the data and expertise that comes from SHARCNET will further the research agendas of the faculty in these departments. We are in the process of adding a Bio-informatics degree and the ability to have extensive data-mining via HPC will be essential for this program. We look forward to the opportunities for our researchers and students and welcome the partnership with SHARCNET."

### **About SHARCNET**

The Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network ([www.sharcnet.ca](http://www.sharcnet.ca)) is a world-class consortium of 17 Ontario colleges, universities and research institutes in a "cluster of clusters" of high performance computers linked by advanced fiber optics. Its unique infrastructure is designed to meet the computational needs of researchers in diverse research areas and to facilitate the development of leading-edge tools for high performance computing grids.

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