Visiting Scientist Program Application Guidelines

The Visiting Scientist Program is a travel bursary for an established researcher in astroparticle physics to visit a host institution for collaborative work with a new research group, similar to a research sabbatical, ranging anywhere from 3 to 12 months. The program aims to mobilize Canadian research talent to international research organizations/institutions and bring international researchers to Canada.

A maximum of four awards will be provided in a given year with a maximum value of $25,000 CDN each. The funding only covers travel related expenses as defined by the “Expenses Eligibility and Reimbursement Guidelines” and “Budget Estimate Form” documents.

Eligibility:
Applicants must have completed a PhD and be an established researcher working in the area of astroparticle physics. The proposed research program must also be aligned with the objectives of the McDonald Institute and should not be financially supported through other sources of funding.

Application Process:
The host department is responsible for providing resources required to complete the research (e.g. office/lab space, equipment, consumables, etc.) and adhere to institutional regulations (e.g. health and safety training, orientation, etc.). Visitors are expected to contribute to the academic and scholarly life at the host institution through collaborative work, the presentation of research seminars, and mentorship of highly qualified personnel.

The proposed visitor can apply with a completed application form, curriculum vitae, a budget estimation form, and a letter of support from the Head of the host department indicating their commitment to the visitor. Please send all documents in a single email to the Research Personnel and Event Coordinator at admin@mcdonaldinstitute.ca with “Visiting Scientist – [LAST NAME]” as the subject line. The deadline is January 10th, 2020 at 4:00 pm EST, late applications will not be considered until the next fiscal year (after March 2020). The applications will be reviewed internally and a notice of decision will be released by e-mail in late-January 2020.

Following the completion of their research project, successful applicants are required to provide a photo of themselves engaged in the research group or lab and create materials to showcase

1 The number and value of the awards each year will be determined by demand and the funds available. The maximum single award will not exceed $25,000 CDN.
the outcomes of their research visit. The McDonald Institute encourages a variety of mediums for knowledge mobilization. For example, the visitor may submit a short article for non-academic audiences describing their experience, a 3-5 minute video, podcast, photo essay, website, etc. focusing on research outcomes and the value of the research visit. Submissions will be used for promotional purposes of the McDonald Institute, the supervisor’s lab, and the Visiting Scientist Program.