



*Recognizing Excellence in Research and Education*

## **2008 ORION Awards**

The ORION Awards recognize individuals and groups who have led and championed the use of advanced and collaborative technologies to support research, education, innovation and discovery both here at home in Ontario or on the global stage. By recognizing and showcasing success stories and profiles of individual achievement, the winners of the ORION Awards inspire new ways of applying sophisticated technologies to transform the way we teach, learn, research or drive scientific discovery.

**Submission Deadline: MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008**

### **Award Categories**

**The ORION Discovery Award** recognizes initiatives that successfully apply and leverage the unique capabilities of advanced networks and collaborative technologies to achieve significant outcomes in research and discovery. *Submissions in this category could include initiatives making use of shared collaborative platforms and technologies, or distributed instruments and resources, high-performance or distributed computing, remote and/or distributed sensors, or innovative applications and software, data-mining, or others. Nominated initiatives may be in all fields of science and research, from life sciences, to astrophysics and the social sciences, for example.*

**The ORION Learning Award** recognizes the achievements of faculty, students and/or staff in organizations in the implementation of initiatives that make use of ORION and advanced networks to promote/facilitate successful examples of innovations in teaching, learning and training. *Submissions could include initiatives making use of shared resources and capabilities, such as databases, learning object repositories or library resources; innovative use of advanced videoconference and interactive technologies; or distributed teaching and learning tools and resources.*

**The ORION Leadership Award** recognizes the achievements of an individual in either the public or private sector, for his or her significant contribution to advancing research, education, science, or discovery through the development and/or application of innovative information and communications technologies. *Nominees in this category may be academics, researchers, business or community leaders, or others who have made a significant contribution to the development and championing of transformative innovations in research, education, or technology. Nominees can also be recognized for their role in leading or developing a specific project or initiative that has had a significant institutional or organizational impact on research and education within an institution or within the broad research and education community. Nominees in the category may also be nominated for their lifelong commitment and leadership in building a strong and vibrant environment in support of research, education or scientific achievement and strengthening our province in the global environment.*

### **Judging**

A panel of judges, with representation from ORION stakeholder communities, will review submissions and select winners.

### **Awards Presentation**

The awards will be announced at a reception and ceremony in November 2008.

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