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## Passing the Scientific Baton to the Next Generation

An Interview with researchers and graduate students at York University's **Vision: Science to Applications (VISTA)** program

**Doug Crawford**, Neuroscientist, Scientific Director at VISTA

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### Doug Crawford

Here at the Center for Vision Research and with the VISTA program we have hundreds, over 200 trainees involved, and of those with CFREF funding we've been able to provide over 90 of them the support through fellowships and scholarships.

Vision Science is like a relay race, from the past to the future. So for a trainee coming here you have the opportunity to have an internationally-renowned scientist as your supervisor and then have advisors or collaborators from, perhaps the same area or completely different areas, of research.

### Shanaa Modchalingam

At VISTA there are many training opportunities. We have lots of industry partners. So we have amazing opportunities to have internships and the like, and build skills that they can take with them post-academia.

