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## DREAM TEAM RECRUITS

# Graham George, 48 and Ingrid Pickering, 41

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### Who:

Husband and wife team, both originally from the U.K. Pickering is an associate professor at the University of Saskatchewan and a Canada Research Chair in molecular environmental sciences. George is a professor at the university and a Canada Research Chair in X-ray absorption spectroscopy. They both joined the university in 2003 from Stanford University.

### Area of research:

Involves looking at metals in environmental and biological systems. The Canadian Light Source synchrotron, located at the University of Saskatchewan, provides unique tools for determining the molecular form of a metal in almost any system, from soils to living tissues.

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### **Why they chose to continue her research in Canada:**

“We came because of the dual attractions of the Canada Research Chairs program and the Canadian Light Source synchrotron. Having worked at the Stanford Synchrotron for 11 years, it was exciting to have the opportunity to become involved in the CLS just as it was starting up. It's often hard to get two professional jobs in one place and we are immensely fortunate to be awarded two prestigious Canada Research Chairs. Together, the Chairs and the chance to contribute to something new and exciting constituted an opportunity we could not refuse.”

### **Thoughts on Canada's research landscape:**

“Canada is an inventive and resourceful nation and has made impressive investments in research in recent years. Given the size of its population, it wields a surprisingly good track record with regards to research output. Our personal experience is that this is a wonderful place to forge new collaborations and research groups which cross traditional boundaries. So long as the governments continue to invest in research, the future looks very bright.”

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