



Call for projects for the Summer Research Program 2020 – Information for Students

The Faculty of Dentistry provides opportunities for summer students to gain experience in laboratory and clinical research. The quality of work produced by students in the past has been of very high calibre and several students presented their award-winning projects at top international meetings every year. I invite you to apply for this program which is an excellent opportunity to gain first research experience.

Your next steps:

- **Now:**
 - Identify a laboratory where you want to perform your summer project.
 - Directly contact potential supervisors as soon as possible to secure your spot. Summer student places fill very quickly.
 - A list of supervisors in the Faculty of Dentistry that offer undergraduate research projects with short descriptions of their research area is available from:
<https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/research/summer-research-programs>.
- **By February 28, 2020:**
 - Establish an undergraduate research application together with your supervisor.
 - You will need to provide a copy of your unofficial transcripts, a two-page CV and fill your portion of the application form: “2020_SRP_Application.pdf”, available for download under:
<https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/research/summer-research-program>.
 - The supervisor is responsible for submitting the full application by **February 28, 2020**.

Who is eligible?

- To be fundable through the Summer Research Program, 1st/2nd year DDS students must commit to at least 3 months of full-time research in the period May – August 2020.
- 3rd year DDS students can perform projects of 3 months minimum.
- The Summer Research Program is open to undergraduate students of the Faculty of Dentistry at U of T, institutes associated with the Faculty, and other Dental Faculties in Canada. There will also be a limited number of spots for non-dental undergraduate students (3 months minimum).
- It is imperative for students to first come to an agreement with a supervisor in the Faculty. We will not accept students without a match.
- Students from this program will be eligible for Pynn Family award, CDA Dentsply and OKU Alumni awards, when available to the Faculty.
- Even if your application does not receive funding, you may arrange with your selected principal investigator outside of the program.

Your benefits:

- Typically, 10-15 projects out of 20-30 submissions are funded per year.
- Hands-on laboratory and/or clinical research experience.
- Participation in first-class science and/or clinical research.
- Chance to win a travel award to a research conference.
- Financial support of \$1,500/month.

What we expect from you:

- Exceptionally high level of motivation.
- Full-time commitment for 3 months (3rd year students can be appointed for 2 months).
- Presentation of your project in a talk (award competition) and poster (Research Day).

Summary of Timeline:

Mid-January 2020:	<i>CIHR Undergraduate Summer Studentship Award–Institute Community Support</i>
February 28, 2020:	Submission deadline for PI’s project descriptions.
End of April 2020:	Funded projects will be announced. The time of funding announcements is dependent on the time of external funding decisions for the Summer Research Program as a whole and may be later than April.
May-August 2020:	In this period, summer students are typically in the laboratory.
August 21, 2020:	The results of all summer student projects must be presented and must be summarized in an IADR abstract format. The presented research projects will be ranked and may receive additional travel support depending on availability of funds.
February 2021:	Projects must be presented at the Faculty’s Research Day as a poster form and may be selected by the program committee for an oral presentation.

Apply for CIHR Undergraduate Funding !!!

The CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis typically has an open competition for Summer Studentship Awards with submission deadline **in mid-January** and an award of \$5,000 for four months.

DDS students are extremely successful in this competition due to typically excellent academic performance.

The time investment to apply is not onerous, in particular if you have already established the project proposal for our program. See next page’s checklist.

Application for CIHR-IMHA Undergraduate Funding

This document is intended to help you with the CIHR undergraduate competition and has been established to the best of our knowledge. Changes may occur from year to year and you will be responsible to check actual CIHR requirements. Link for the 2019 competition:

<https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rmr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=2980&view=search&incArc=true&launchMonth=11&launchYear=2018&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&next=1>

General:

- Fellowships, if offered, are announced around November/December.
- Typically IMHA offers undergrad fellowship funding under the opportunity name: „*Undergraduate: Summer Studentship Award – Institute Community Support (year)*“
- Application deadline is around Mid-January every year. **For 2019, deadline was January 24.**

Checklist:

1. Students must register on ResearchNet with their own profile:
 - a. In their own profile, they enter their own information as Main applicant.
 - b. In their own profile, they need to enter a Supervisor.
 - c. It is sometimes simpler if the students communicate their login details to the supervisor if you want to check for completeness.
2. Supervisor tasks:
 - a. Send CIHR PIN number to student to identify you as co-applicant.
 - b. Provide student with a title of project (needed early to produce signature page).
 - c. Create Common CV (CIHR **Project Biosketch**), send registration number to student.
 - d. Write support letter (2 pages, free format, PDF document).
 - e. Write research proposal (2 pages not including references, figures and tables), PDF document.
 - f. Write lay summary (1/2 page, to be pasted into respective web-form field).
 - g. Write and attach under “Other” an explanation of how the objective(s) of your proposed activity/project aligns with the [mandate and strategic research priorities of IMHA](#) (max. 1 page).
3. Student tasks:
 - a. Enter all requested information and upload all supervisor documents.
 - b. You must upload the most recent official transcripts. If official transcripts are not yet available, student must provide a letter of the grad office as proof that they are enrolled in a program.
 - c. Produce a PDF of the signature pages (3 pages, must include title, student info, and supervisor info). Students do not need to sign; submission by primary applicant (student) counts as signature.
 - d. A PDF scan of the supervisor-signed signature page needs to be uploaded to the MRA.
4. U of T actions (signature page) and submission:
 - a. Once the MRA has been submitted by supervisor, Research Services will sign twice on page 3 of the signature page and return the executed form to the supervisor and student.
 - b. Student uploads the fully executed signature page and submits full application.