



Call for projects for the Summer Research Program 2022 – 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 present 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.

Note on COVID-19 and possible implications

We are preparing the SRP with the assumption that research in the faculty will be fully functional in Summer 2022 but need to be realistic and continuously assess the situation. The SRP will follow recommendations and rules established by the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, and the Canadian Government.

We will do our very best to adapt to the conditions in Summer 2022 and help you to have a memorable research experience. However, in case of a complete shutdown of wet labs in Summer 2022, as it happened in 2020, we will likely cancel the program and related student funding.

Please pay particular attention to page 2 of your application form that you will need to acknowledge.

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.
 - 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 18, 2022:**
 - 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: “2022_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 18, 2022.**

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 2022.
- 3rd year DDS students can perform projects of 2 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 if they will be able to pay you from alternate funds.

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 \$1500/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:

- February 18, 2022:** Submission deadline for PI’s project descriptions.
- Early May 2022:** Funded projects will be announced. The time of funding announcements depends on the time of external funding decisions for the SRP.
- May-August 2022:** In this period, summer students are typically working on the project.
- August 19, 2022:** 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 2023:** Projects **must** be presented at the Faculty’s Research Day as a poster..

