



Call for projects for the Summer Research Program (SRP) 2024 – Information for Supervisors

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 consider taking on a student next summer.

Changes to the Summer Research Program for 2024

*Only 1 application will be accepted per PI, unless you have another student that would be eligible for the NSERC USRA or UTEA NSE award.

*Students must work a **minimum of 3-months if they are receiving regular funding from the program** and a **minimum of 4-months if they are receiving NSERC USRA or UTEA NSE award**. No exceptions will be made for students working less than 3 months.

*You will need to provide the name of one other person in your lab that will be onsite 9-5pm, Monday to Friday that will be able to co-supervise your student. This applies only to wet-lab based projects.

Next steps:

- **Now:**
 - Identify a research project in your lab that is suitable for an undergraduate student.
 - Match your project with a student. The SRP 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 be few spots for non-dental undergraduate students.
- **By February 27, 2024:**
 - Describe the research project on **maximum 1 page** according to this formatting :
 - Times New Roman, 12 pt, black type, maximum six lines per inch, no condensed/narrow fonts.
 - Margin of 2 cm (3/4 inch) – minimum – around the page for main document text.
 - Indicate in header (1 cm from top page margin): PI name, short project title, fit on one line.
 - Fill the form: “2024_SRP_Application.pdf”, available for download under:
<https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/research/summer-research-program>.
 - Submit your application to the SRP as one PDF, including:
 - (1) Application form completed by supervisor and student;
 - (2) project description on **one page**;
 - (3) Unofficial student transcripts;
 - (4) Student CV on two pages.
 - (5) Additional application information page - this is
*new*for 2024

Benefit and funding chances:

- Typically, 10-15 projects out of 20-30 submissions are funded per year.
- A motivated student with good academic marks, often with previous research experience.
- Support for your research, leading to a possible abstract or other publication.
- The possibility to train and “test” a student for a possible subsequent Master Project.
- Funds from the Faculty of Dentistry of \$750/month to match your contribution.

Supervisor contribution and requirements:

- The project supervisor must have demonstrated expertise or access to expertise for executing the project. Each student is under the direct supervision of a faculty member.
- Preference will be given to projects in laboratories or clinics with an active research program. Existing or applied for external peer-review grant support is considered a positive factor.
- Project duration: minimum of 3 months between May to August for regular funded students and minimum of 4 months between May to August for NSERC USRA or UTEA NSE funded students
- The SRP requests a matching contribution from the supervisor of \$750/month. The Program will not be able to support projects without supervisor’s matching portion.
- The supervisor contribution is to be paid through the program for the student.
- The program will provide the student with the full stipend of \$1,500/month.
- The SRP cannot provide support for students that already receive stipends from other funding agencies (e.g., NSERC, UTEA). If fellowships are awarded after application to the program, the program director must be informed. Students can of course follow the program’s activities.
- Students cannot take part in additional summer programs (e.g., IBBME).

Summary of Timeline:

February 27, 2024: Submission deadline for PI/student joint application.

End of April or early May 2024: Funded projects will be announced. The time of funding announcements depends on the time of external funding decisions for the SRP.

May-August 2024: In this period, summer students are typically working on the project.

August 16, 2024: The results of all summer student projects **must** be presented and **must** be summarized in an IADR abstract format. Supervisors will have to make themselves available for the presentation date (or a qualified substitute). The presented research projects will be ranked and may receive additional travel support depending on availability of funds.

February 2025: Projects **must** be presented at the Faculty’s Research Day as a poster.

Note: SRP students will be eligible for Pynn Family, CDA Dentsply awards and Hinman when available.

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