UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM
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Call for projects for the Summer Research Program 2024 – 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.

Changes to the Summer Research Program for 2024

*Only 1 application will be accepted per PI, unless they 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.
*The PI will need to provide the name of one other person in the lab that will be onsite 9-5pm, Monday to Friday that will be able to co-supervise the student. This applies only to wet-lab based projects.

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 normally participate in the Summer Research program is available from:
    https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/research/summer-research-programs

- **By February 26, 2024:**
  - 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: "2024_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 27, 2024**. **Applications submitted by the students and not the supervisors will not be accepted.**

Who is eligible?

- To be fundable through the Summer Research Program, 1st year DDS students must commit to at least 3 months of full-time research in the period May – August 2023.

- 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 and CDA Dentsply 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.
- Presentation of your project in a talk (award competition) and poster (Research Day).

Summary of Timeline:

February 27, 2024:   Submission deadline for PI's project descriptions.

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. 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..

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