

## ACHRI Summer Studentship Support Eligibility Criteria & Application Instructions

ACHRI Summer Studentships are competitive internal awards for the purpose of providing stipend support to undergraduate students pursuing a summer research position at the University of Calgary, encouraging trainees to explore research as a potential field of study.

**Donor:** ACHRI with funding from the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation (ACHF)

**Field of research:** Maternal and child health and wellness

**Value:** \$1,375 per month from ACHRI plus \$500 per month from supervisor

**Number of Awards:** 6

**Duration:** 8-16 weeks (May-August)

**Citizenship:** unrestricted

### Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates have secured a training position with a supervisor who is a full member of ACHRI<sup>1</sup>
- Candidates research project must be in maternal or child health and wellness.
- Applicants must also meet one of the following criteria:
  - be registered in a University of Calgary undergraduate degree program or
  - be registered in an undergraduate degree program outside the University of Calgary, and desiring to engage in research during the summer months at the University of Calgary
- Graduating students may apply for funding but may be given lower priority when funding is limited.
- Must have minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in current program
- ACHRI summer studentship funding is not available to medical students who have already begun their medical training.
- Only two summer studentship applicants from the same lab / supervisor are allowed to apply in one given summer competition, with only one applicant per supervisor being eligible for funding each year.

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<sup>1</sup> Supervisor must be a registered ACHRI member with an academic appointment at UofC or a clinical appointment with AHS.

## Financial Support

- ACHRI will provide a monthly stipend of \$1,375; supervisors are required to supplement this stipend with a minimum of \$500 per month.
- Health benefits are not provided as part of the award.
- The award may be held for a minimum of 8 weeks and a maximum of 16 weeks during the May through August term.
- The award amount is paid monthly and is prorated based on the student's term.

## Application Instructions

- Candidates must submit an application via the [UCalgary Summer Student Application portal](#).
- University of Calgary supervisors are limited to supporting only TWO (2) applications through this consolidated application system.

## Application Deadline

- Summer studentship competitions take place in winter.
- Application deadlines are indicated on the [Summer Student Application portal page](#) and [ACHRI Trainee Funding page](#).
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## Evaluation Criteria

Award eligibility is automatically determined at the time of application, based on the qualifications of the applicant. Applicants will be considered for all awards for which they meet the criteria; however, only ONE (1) offer of award will be made to each successful applicant.

An evaluation rubric can be found in the Evaluation section of the [FAQ Page](#) on the Summer Studentship webpage.

The ACHRI Training Review Committee receives a ranked list of applications and will make final award decisions based on:

- quality of the candidate: academic excellence, research experience, awards
- supervisor's research and training environment: publications, grant support, experience in trainee supervision
- significance and quality of the proposed project
- Project is in maternal or child health and wellness

## Terms of Award

- Summer trainees may hold only one award. If the trainee is successful in obtaining a major award or a combination of several awards greater than or equal to the ACHRI Summer Studentship stipend level, the trainee is expected to decline the ACHRI Summer Studentship award.
- ACHRI Summer Studentship awards may only be used for stipend support and not for travel, relocation or other purposes. Health benefits are not provided by ACHRI.
- Students are allowed a maximum of two-weeks vacation during the four-month period, at the discretion of their supervisor(s).
- All awardees are strongly encouraged to deliver a podium or a poster presentation on their summer project at the end of the summer term at the ACHRI Summer Student Symposium.
- Awardees will be required to submit a one-page written report on the project at the end of the summer studentship to [achri.training@ucalgary.ca](mailto:achri.training@ucalgary.ca)
- Awardees must acknowledge ACHRI in publications, presentations, communications and marketing materials;
- Awardee may be asked to provide biographical sketches to be used for reporting and publicity purposes;
- Supervisors of awardees are expected to participate in the review Committee of ACHRI when asked.

**With any questions, please contact the ACHRI Training Team at [achri.training@ucalgary.ca](mailto:achri.training@ucalgary.ca).**

*The University of Calgary strives to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and working environment in which there is respect for the dignity of all persons and fair and equitable treatment of individuals in our diverse community. UCalgary has been named one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers five years in a row. As part of the UCalgary community, ACHRI believes that diversity in our team is a strength. ACHRI commits to considering qualified applicants from members of any and all equity seeking groups, including women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons who are members of a visible minority group in Canada.*