



UNIVERSITY OF
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INTERDISCIPLINARY SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES OF MEDICINE, PHARMACY
AND NUTRITION, NURSING, AND KINESIOLOGY.

2026 GUIDELINES



APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00 PM FEBRUARY 26, 2026

SUBMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES:
INTERDISCIPLINARY.RESEARCH@USASK.CA



2026 Interdisciplinary Summer Research Program Guidelines

Sponsored by the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing, and Kinesiology

Program Goals

The Interdisciplinary Summer Research program provides undergraduate salary awards to facilitate the research training of summer students enrolled in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing, and Kinesiology. Each project involves a collaboration between faculty from two or more Colleges who jointly supervise a student research project. The purpose of these awards is to provide students with valuable research experience, inspiring them to consider pursuing graduate studies; as well as increase interdisciplinary research within the Health Sciences.

Timeline

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| • January 7 | Call Opens |
| • February 25 | Application Deadline |
| • Mid-to-late March | Notification of Award |
| • May* | Start of Projects |
| • August* | End of Projects |

Number of Applications

One submission per applicant will be accepted. Thus, each student and each supervisor may only submit one application per year. Each project submitted is to be a stand-alone project with clearly defined objectives and outcomes. A student will have two or more supervisors, each from a separate participating college. All co-supervisors must actively engage and contribute to the project.

Length and Number of Awards

Research projects are up to 16 weeks and run over the summer months (May-August) exclusively.

*Project start date, end date, and duration may be flexible based on student rotations.

This salary award is given to students who will be hired as term employees. Students will work full-time (35 or 37.5hrs/week) and receive \$18/hr. Vacation days must be coordinated in advance with the supervisors and taken within the project term as these will not be paid out from the award at the end of the work term. Supervisors will need to provide a fund number to cover any additional expenses incurred beyond the value of the award, such as a higher hourly wage or a vacation pay-out.

Eligibility

These awards are open to all undergraduate students enrolled in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing, and Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan. Students must have a **minimum average of 80% in their last two terms, or in their first term for first-year students.**

Co-supervisors must be **faculty who are eligible to hold research funds** in their respective College



for the duration of the award period. Any questions regarding eligibility should be directed to interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca at least one week before the deadline so that we are able to assist you with assessing your eligibility.

Pairing Supervisors and Students

Supervisors interested in finding students can submit a brief research project abstract to interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca. Project abstracts and supervisor contact details will be posted on [Google Drive](#) for students to view until a match is made. Supervisors are encouraged to notify us when their posting is no longer needed. Supervisors may also reach out directly to students. Similarly, students with project ideas or specific research interests are encouraged to approach faculty members. Once supervisors and students are matched, they can complete and submit an application together.

Application

Submit a complete application form to interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca by **February 25, 2026**.

Assessment

Write your application in a manner that can be understood by a non-expert. Applications will be assessed and ranked by the Vice-Dean Research and Associate Deans Research using the evaluation rubric.

Notice of Decision

Written notification of the outcome of applications will be sent to applicants in mid to late March. Successful applicants will have two weeks to return the required hiring documents.

Supervisor and Student Responsibilities

Students

- Students may not hold other USask employment during the award and must work the number of allotted weeks. Notify the supervisor if this is not possible.
- Complete mid-point and final report on Survey Monkey.
- Present your project at a local or external research symposium.

Supervisors

- Must obtain ethics approval if required. REB applications must be submitted as early as possible to allow for the approval process to take place prior to project start date.
- Complete mid-point report on Survey Monkey.
- Mentor and supervise the student.
- Report promptly to interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca if there are any issues.

Third Party Implications

It is expected that if a proposed project has any impact on a third party, that the supervisor is to inform the third party of any implications and obtain written permission to continue with the research. Failure to comply with this could result in the cancellation of an awarded project.



Research Ethics Approval

If approvals are needed, it is the responsibility of the supervisors, and these must be in place prior to the start of the project.

Reporting Requirements

Reports

Supervisors will submit a mid-point report via SurveyMonkey and students will submit a mid-point and final report. Feedback will be used to assess progress, timelines, and other concerns.

Poster Presentation

Recipients will present their projects at a local or external research event. This may include local venues such as the Undergraduate Research Showcase, College of Nursing Research and Scholarship Day, SURE symposium, Life and Health Sciences Expo, or a college-specific research poster day. Details regarding the location and time of upcoming research days will be sent out in the summer. Presentations at external research events are also encouraged.

Publication Acknowledgement

All presentations and publications resulting from the salary award should acknowledge the Interdisciplinary Summer Research Program, University of Saskatchewan.

Contact

General inquiries and completed application forms should be sent to: interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca.

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