



2023 Interdisciplinary Summer Research Program Guidelines

Sponsored by the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and College of Medicine

Program Goals

The Interdisciplinary Summer Research program provides undergraduate salary awards to help in the research training of summer students enrolled in either the College of Medicine or the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and co-supervised by a faculty member from both participating colleges. The purpose of these awards is to provide students with valuable research experience and inspire them to consider pursuing graduate studies. These salary awards are also intended to increase interdisciplinary research within the Health Sciences.

Number of Applications

Only one application 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 must be co-supervised by two supervisors from different participating colleges. For administrative purposes, a lead supervisor must be identified.

Length and Number of Awards

Research projects are between 10 and 16 weeks and run over the summer months (May-August) exclusively. **For the summer of 2023, two salary awards will be funded.**

Students who receive project funding are paid as employees and are expected to work 37.5 hours per week. The amount of the salary award will be calculated based on a \$14 hourly wage and the number of weeks of work. Vacation days must be taken as these will not be paid out from the award at the end of the work term. Supervisors should be prepared to provide a fund number to cover any additional expenses incurred beyond the value of award, such as a higher hourly wage or a vacation pay-out.

Eligibility

These awards are open to all undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Medicine or the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan. To be competitive, we recommend students have a **minimum average of 80% in their last two terms.**

Co-supervisors must be **faculty eligible to hold research funds** in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and the College of Medicine for the duration of the award period.

Any questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the program administrators listed below. Please be sure to approach your program administrator at least 1 week before the deadline so that they can assist you with assessing your eligibility.

Choosing and Submitting a Project

Students who have an idea for a project or an interest in a particular area are encouraged to approach faculty with their ideas. Once students find faculty members to work with, they can work on completing an application together.



Application

Complete and submit the application form to interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca by **February 27, 2023**.

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 (CoM) and Associate Dean Research (CoPN) 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 submit the required paperwork.

Supervisor and Student Responsibilities

Students

- Must work the allotted weeks at 37.5 hours/week. Notify the supervisor if this is not possible.
- Present your research at a poster day (e.g. SURE symposium, Life and Health Sciences Expo, or CoM research showcase).

Supervisors

- Must obtain ethics approval.
- Mentor and supervise the student.
- Report promptly to the OVDR or ADR if the student's attendance does not meet the funding requirements of the program.

Supervisor Expectations

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

Obtaining research ethics approval is the responsibility of the supervisors and must be in place prior to the start of the project.



Reporting Requirements

Poster Presentation

Successful applicants will be required to participate in a research poster session, e.g. SURE symposium in late summer or fall, College of Medicine's Undergraduate Research Showcase in October, or Life and Health Sciences Expo in May. Details regarding the location and time of these research days will be sent out in the summer.

Publication Acknowledgement

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

Contact

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

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