



IWK SUMMER STUDENTSHIP GUIDELINES

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to support undergraduate students to engage in research aimed at improving child, youth, maternal or women's health at the IWK.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a student who is enrolled in an *undergraduate program* at the time of application submission (all undergraduate programs are eligible) **and**
- The applicant must identify an established IWK researcher to officiate as their supervisor. An IWK researcher is defined as i) holding a current IWK MDSAS or staff position and ii) having primary research lab or primary clinical office at the IWK or conducts research at the IWK.

NOTE: Summer students funded through the Research in Medicine (RIM) program are ineligible to apply.

Terms Of Support:

- **\$5,000 for 12 weeks** including 2 weeks for vacation.
- Supervisors may only submit one application per competition. The application must be for a single project, and the **research must occur predominately at the IWK**.
- A student cannot hold any other active IWK Program funding e.g. Mentorship.
- A student cannot be a paid employee while holding an IWK Studentship. If the student is a paid employee, they must be terminated or placed on leave from the paid position before the award can be accepted.
- If REB approval is pending, activities that support the study but are not dependent/do not require REB approval can be undertaken, e.g. establish mechanisms for data collection, creating manuals, identify learning needs, etc. Once ethics is approved, a confirmation of the REB approval must be provided to Research & Innovation Advancement (RIA).
- Recipients are not permitted to hold summer salary award funding in excess of \$5,000/year. If the **recipient has received funds from another source totalling less than \$5,000, they may** request, in writing to RIA, that the IWK Studentship be used as a top up to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Recipients must agree to follow any stipulations set by IWK policies and/or procedures (e.g. travel, IP, jurisdiction, procurement) and any other applicable guidelines.
- A [final report](#) is due October 15th of the year of the award.

Application Process: Applications must be submitted online through the ROMEO Researcher Portal by the student as Principal Investigator. The ROMEO Researcher Portal and registration instructions can be found on the [IWK Research Funding Opportunities webpage](#). (**NOTE:** Project Sponsor Information tab does not need to be completed).

Please note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to centre their project on a single, well-defined primary hypothesis. To demonstrate that the project is feasible within the 10-week summer term, applications **must** include a structured, week-by-week timeline (Weeks 1 through 10) outlining key milestones, data collection phases, and expected deliverables. Any application that lacks this timeline will be returned for revision.

The application will be adjudicated by the Scientific Review Committee.

Application Deadline Date: November 1st.

Should you have any questions, please contact Saqueeb Noor, Coordinator, Grants and Support Services at saqueeb.noor@iwk.nshealth.ca.

The IWK's financial contributions for this initiative are subject to availability of funds. Should our funding levels not be available or are decreased due to unforeseen circumstances, the IWK reserves the right to reduce, defer or suspend financial contributions received as a result of this funding opportunity.