



Summer Student Research Program Factsheet

Information for Potential Supervisors

http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/mds_undergrads/ssrp.htm

What is the SSRP?

The Summer Student Research Program (SSRP) is a competition open to undergraduate science students and first and second year MD students registered at UBC. It provides funding for a summer research project supervised by a member of the Faculty of Medicine (FoM). Applications are reviewed and ranked by an adjudication committee. Due to funding limitations, not all students who apply are funded.

What are the funding terms?

Stipends for two months of full-time work starting June or July 1st are \$1,600 per month for MD students or \$1,400 per month for science students. Funds for the stipend originate from various sources and are distributed by the FoM Dean's Office. Some funds are available only for projects in specific research areas; please see the website for details. Supervisors are responsible for all other expenses.

How do I get involved?

- To be eligible, supervisors must have a current faculty appointment (assistant professor or higher, including clinical) in the FoM at UBC. This includes affiliate appointments. Post Doctoral Fellows or Graduate students may be involved in direct supervision, but a faculty member must act as the signing authority and be involved in the student's mentoring and project.
- Eligible supervisors develop a project by completing a [Project Registration and Description Form](#).
- If you have already identified a student for your SSRP project you do not need to post your project online. Instead, have the student include the completed *Project Registration and Description Form* in their application package.
- If you do not already have a student for your project:
 - Email your completed Project Registration and Description form to the [Student Research Coordinator](#) who will post it on the FoM SSRP website for students to view.
 - Students will contact you directly for an interview; the process of student selection is left to your discretion. However, please note that **the application is adjudicated as a whole and thus choosing a strong student is to your benefit**. In addition, some funding is available only to MD students or only to non-MD students – thus the type of student you choose may influence your funding success. Please inform the Student Research Coordinator when you find a student so we can remove your project from the website.
- Supervisors may submit more than one project for posting on the website however **only one completed application per supervisor will be accepted for the competition**.

When is the application deadline?

The final date to submit project descriptions for posting online is Monday, January 30, 2012.

The final date to submit a completed application package is **Friday, February 10, 2012.**

A completed application package includes forms from both the supervisor and the student

How are successful projects chosen?

The adjudication committee will evaluate the academic merit of the student, the scientific merit of the project and the potential benefit the student will gain from the experience. Positive consideration by adjudicators will be given to applications with the following features:

- The project has strong research and educational merit, with opportunities for the student to learn new skills and have input into the project.
- The student's role is clearly defined.
- A clear hypothesis is articulated. ****The project must be hypothesis driven****
- The student will have the opportunity to interact with other researchers and be in an environment conducive to gaining an understanding of high quality research.
- **Equal weight will be given to clinical projects and basic science projects.**

**Please see the website for more information on the adjudication process and criteria*

What types of contributions are appropriate for SSRP students?

Past participants have contributed to research projects in many capacities including, but not limited to:

- Assisting in the design of clinical trials
- Developing new experimental protocols
- Performing chart reviews
- Preparing ethics applications
- Conducting formal literature reviews
- Arranging and participating in rural site visits to gather qualitative data
- Recruiting, screening and interviewing study participants
- Performing a variety of lab techniques
- Co-authoring journal publications
- Presenting results at conferences
- Attending clinics to meet and examine patients (under supervision)

Where can I find more information?

- **The Research page on the Faculty of Medicine website:**

<http://www.med.ubc.ca/research.htm>

Using the menu tabs on the left, go to:

MD & Undergraduate Students/ Funding Opportunities/ Summer Student Research Program

- **Direct link:** http://www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/mds_undergrads/ssrp.htm

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