

Call for Projects: 2023 Medical Student Summer Research Program (MSSRP)

The Faculty of Medicine's Medical Student Summer Research Program (MSSRP) provides up to 54 first- and second-year undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in research projects across the Faculty of Medicine and affiliated hospital research institutes. This competitive program supports projects from across the medical research continuum, from fundamental research on the mechanisms of disease and drug discovery to evidence-based medical education and practice-changing clinical research. Provides Medical students the opportunity to gain first-hand training in research methodologies and skills while working with a faculty supervisor/mentor.

Value of the award: \$5,500

Number of awards: Up to 54

Supervisor Application Deadline: February 1, 2023

Application contact: resmed@uOttawa.ca (uOttawa Faculty of Medicine Research Office)

Eligibility Criteria

- Supervisors who hold a primary appointment in the Faculty of Medicine*, are in good standing with their departments, and are eligible to supervise undergraduate students.
- Potential supervisors must also:
 - Contribute \$1,750 to the program (an invoice will be sent at the end of the summer);
 - Serve as a judge during the poster session of the Faculty of Medicine Research Day on Oct 27th, 2023 - Please add this date to your calendar. (Note: Supervisors will be notified if there are any changes in the date for Research Day)
 - Ensure the project follows all required ethics procedures, including REB approval before the project commences (if required);
 - Use equity, diversity and inclusion [\(EDI\) best practices](#) in selecting student candidates;
 - Submit only one project and supervise one student per competition.

** Assistant, Associate, and Full Professors. Adjuncts & Lecturers are not eligible*

Application Process

Potential supervisors are invited to submit a full project description by **FEBRUARY 1, 2023** through our online [Supervisor Application Form](#). Submission includes:

- a. Brief summary of the project to be shared with prospective students (<250 words)
- b. 1 page Research and Training Plan which includes: research question, introduction, objectives, methods, training plan and impact statement
- c. Short description of how research project will address sex- and gender-based analysis+ ([SGBA+](#));
- d. Confirmation of research ethics board approval (if required)
- e. Any additional information required for those applying for priority areas (see below).

Priority Areas

To promote research in strategic areas of development as outlined in the Faculty of Medicine's 2020-2025 Strategic plan, dedicated studentships are allocated to the following priority areas in collaboration with our partners as outlined below:

1. ***Mach-Gaenssen Foundation:*** Up to five (5) studentships will be awarded through the *Mach-Gaenssen Foundation* in the fields of *cardiology, oncology and psychiatry*.
2. ***Social Accountability:*** Up to eight (8) studentships will be allocated to Social Accountability priority areas:
 - Four (4) to faculty members working in collaboration with community stakeholders
 - Four (4) directly to community stakeholders. *

*Participating community organizations in this stream are eligible to receive a research stipend of \$500 to help off-set part of the cost of participation.

Please see the [Terms of Reference](#) for the Social Responsibility Priority Announcement for more details.

3. ***Wellness / Equity Diversity and Inclusion / Professionalism:*** Up to three (3) studentships will be allocated to the priority areas of *wellness, professionalism, and/or equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)* in partnership with the Faculty Wellness Program, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Professionalism Office.

Program Steps:

1. Following the deadline for submission of Supervisor Application Forms, project summaries will be circulated to all first- and second-year medical students.
2. Students will contact supervisors directly to discuss projects.
3. ***NEW THIS YEAR:*** Supervisors are also asked to contact the [Research Office](#) once they have chosen a student. The project list will therefore get updated regularly letting students know in real time which supervisor projects have already been fulfilled.
4. When a student candidate is selected by its supervisor, that student will submit an online [Student Application Form](#) outlining their fit with the research project by the **March 8th 2023 deadline**.
5. Applications (Supervisor & Student) will be reviewed in parallel by a committee comprised of Faculty and community members based on the merit indicators outlined in the attached Terms of Reference.

SUMMARY DATES:

February 1st, 2023	Supervisor deadline to submit full project proposals
February 6-28	Supervisors to interview students and develop student applications
March 8th, 2023	Deadline for students to submit application to program
April 6th, 2023	Letters of offer are sent to students & supervisors
June-August	Project work (10 weeks)
Oct 27th, 2023	Poster Session at Faculty of Medicine Research Day (date to be confirmed)

Please review the [terms for reference](#) for more information about the Medical Student Summer Research Program and the priority announcement area requirements.

Thank you for your support and your collaboration.

The Faculty of Medicine Research Office