

McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award

Terms of Reference

Policies regarding the McCaig COUHR Foundation Summer Studentship Awards funded through the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health. Canadian Organization for Undergraduate Health Research (COUHR) that provides opportunities to motivated youth to delve into the scientific community will overcome a multitude of barriers, bringing a greater diversity of thought, innovation and experience that may not have seemed accessible or attainable before.

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1. Overview

The McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award is a result of an initiative by the McCaig Education Committee.

2. Purpose of the Award

This competitive internal award is intended to provide stipend support to one (1) or more undergraduate student(s) from underrepresented groups to pursue a summer research position, encouraging trainees to explore MSK research as a potential field of study.

3. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible for a McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship, faculty members must be a full or associate member of the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health whose research falls within the mandate of the McCaig Institute.
 - b. Faculty members may only submit one application for funding each year.
 - c. Single applications may include more than one faculty member or members from other institutes. However, one application must be a McCaig member.
4. Summer students will be recruited through COUHR and be from underrepresented university student groups.

4. Financial Support

- a. The amount of the stipend for a summer studentship is \$2,000 per month. The McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award will provide at least the 50% of the monthly stipend and the supervisor will be responsible for funding the remaining 50%. If additional funding is available, the award may provide more than 50% of the monthly stipend.
- b. The term of support is 16 weeks and payments are made monthly.
- c. The McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award may only be used for salary support and not for travel, relocation or other purposes. Health benefits are not part of the award and are not provided by the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health.

5. Procedures

- a. The research that is being supported must be compatible with the strategic plan of the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health and the Cumming School of Medicine of the University of Calgary; and for physicians to conform to the standards of the Royal College.
- b. Application Submission Procedures: Applications are to be sent to the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health via email to mccaig@ucalgary.ca by the deadline.
- c. Term of Support: The successful applicant(s) to the McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award will be provided with 50% support or more for a 16-week term (4 months). Research must commence in the month of May.
- d. Student Selection Process: COUHR will short-list up to three qualified students from academic undergraduate University program(s) as indicated by the PI on the application form. Students with no previous health research experience will be prioritized. The PI may select one of the three short-listed students for the COUHR Summer Studentship.

6. Obligations of Award Holders

- a. Awardee summer student(s) agree to certain obligations that include, but are not limited to:
 - Presenting in presentation or poster format at the McCaig Institute Summer Student Research Symposium or an affiliate symposium such as another institute or BME;
 - Attendance at the McCaig Summer Student Research Symposium Day;
 - Submission of a final report outlining the research project and outcomes in layman terms to the McCaig Education Committee;
 - Acknowledgment of the McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health along with any other partners that have provided funding in publications, presentations, communications and marketing materials associated with the supported research project;
 - Provision of biographical sketches to be used for reporting and publicity purposes upon request.