

CFID Undergraduate Summer Research Awards 2012

CFID has initiated a new undergraduate research award program for 2012. The goals of this program are to attract bright young minds to the field of infectious diseases, microbiology and infection control, and to fulfill the CFID mission of supporting research in infectious diseases.

The Undergraduate Summer Research Awards specifically target undergraduate students who plan to conduct summer research in the form of a research project, research elective or co-op work-term opportunity.

Each award is funded for \$4,000 for a 12-13 week research term. A total of up to 3 summer research awards will be conferred during 2012. Adjudication is by a selection committee and will be competitive based on academic achievement, research potential or experience and mentor acceptance.

Student awardees are required to submit a summary report within 4 weeks of the termination of their project and are encouraged to submit a poster or oral presentation about their work at the annual AMMI Canada/CACMID meeting.

Eligibility for Studentship Awards:

- 1) Students must be enrolled in a Canadian University in their 2nd year or higher
- 2) Commitment to 12-13 weeks of research either as a summer research project, an elective research term, or a co-op work-term
- 3) Minimum GPA of B+ (3.33 or 76%)
- 4) Preference will be given to sponsoring research faculty who are members of CFID partnered professional associations (AMMI Canada, CHICA-Canada).
- 5) Research area must be relevant to the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of infectious diseases
- 6) Priority is given to current focused research areas identified by CFID (e.g. water safety, antimicrobial resistance, rapid diagnostics, infection prevention strategies, antimicrobial stewardship, etc.)
- 7) Applications are ranked and positions are offered based on availability



Application procedure:

- 1) Students are encouraged to contact prospective research supervisors directly regarding summer research in their research laboratories
- 2) Complete the application package consisting of:
 - a. Student application form (please download from the CFID web link at <http://www.researchid.com>)
 - b. Official transcripts (past 2 years, copy accepted)
 - c. 1-2 page research proposal
 - d. One letter of support from the prospective supervisor confirming agreement to the student research project and expected outcome
- 3) Please submit the application package to:

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Applications may also be sent as PDF attachment to jlawless@toh.on.ca or faxed to office at (613) 737-8164.

- 4) The deadline for receipt of the application is February 15, 2012
- 5) Undergraduate Summer Research Awards will be announced on April 1, 2012 and winners and their supervisors will be notified by e-mail shortly thereafter. Awards will also be presented at the AMMI Canada/CACMID annual meeting.