2017 AIHS Summer Studentship Information Session

January 2017
Alberta Innovates Health Solutions Summer Studentship

• Fund to support students engaged in summer medical/health sciences research

• $1500/month for 2-4 months

• As of Jan. 2016, administered at U of A by URI
Alberta Innovates Health Solutions Summer Studentship

- Research must be conducted at the U of A
- Deadline: Feb. 6, 2017
- Apply on URI Website: URI website (Google Form)
Supervisor eligibility

- Have a primary faculty appointment at the U of A
- Up to TWO students in each cycle
- Demonstrate a record of relevant research publications & sufficient operating funding to support the student’s research
Student eligibility

- Enrolled in:
  - an undergraduate or MD program
  - Grade 12 of high school
- May be enrolled at another post-secondary institution and wishing to undertake research at the U of A
Student eligibility

- Have a confirmed supervisor
- Min. 8 consecutive weeks between May-August
- International students welcome!
Key changes for 2017

- New Google Forms application
- New adjudication rubric

Students:

- Greater emphasis on student skill development and goals
- Cannot obtain academic credit for project
- Cannot hold another major award concurrently for the same project
Key changes for 2017

Supervisors:

• Comprehensive publication list from last 3 years is **not** required. Select 3-5 publications most relevant to the proposal and describe their relevance to the proposal.

• Funding: Identify the operating grant that will directly support the student’s research.
Consent to share AIHS application packages

Streamlined application process

- Supervisors from Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry
- Supervisors from Department of Surgery
- Supervisors who are members of the ADI

Please provide consent in the application form to share your application (including student transcripts) for further adjudication of awards administered by these units.
## Adjudication criteria (New Rubric)

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Merit of the project

• How will this project contribute to the medical and health sciences?
• Is the hypothesis clearly defined?
• Are the methods appropriate?
• Are the goals and timelines realistic?
Supervisor’s fit and commitment

- Is the supervisor’s expertise a strong fit for the project?
- How will the supervisor support and mentor the student?
- Are the necessary resources available to complete the project?
Quality of the proposal

- Is the proposal well developed?
- Is it accessible?
- Does the abstract fit with the proposal?
Student’s bkgd., role and skill dvlpt.

- How will this experience contribute to the student’s skill development?
- How will this experience impact the student’s future goals and aspirations?
- What is the relevance of the student’s background to the project?
Award decision timelines & next steps

- Results available in early to mid April
- Students encouraged to request feedback on their applications
- URI administers award payments directly
- URI does a mid-project check-in with students & supervisors
- Final reports due within 10 days of the project end date
Tips for Applicants

• Please ensure that you and your student fill out the appropriate sections!

• Work with the offline Word template and then submit through Google Forms

• The student can visit URI to get feedback/advice before they submit
For more information…

• Please see the AIHS Summer Studentship Program Guide

• Questions? Please contact us at: aihs.studentships@ualberta.ca / 780-248-1933

• For more general information about URI, please visit our website: www.uri.ualberta.ca