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 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 an 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. The faculty applicant must also attend the faculty COUHR summer studentship workshop or watch the recording of the workshop.
   c. Faculty members may only submit one application for funding each year.
   d. Single applications may include more than one faculty member or members from other institutes. However, one application must be a McCaig member.
   e. 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 $2000 per month. The McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award will provide the 50% of the monthly stipend and the supervisor will be responsible for funding the remaining 50%.
   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. The deadline for applications will be announced at the faculty COUHR summer studentship workshop.

c. Term of Support: The successful applicant(s) to the McCaig COUHR Summer Studentship Award will be provided with 50% support for a 16-week term (4 months). Research must commence no later than May 1.

d. Evaluation Criteria: Will be determined by COUHR and all students will come through the COUHR process.

6. Obligations of Award Holders

a. The faculty awardee must also attend a mentoring an EDI summer student workshop or watch the recording of the workshop.

b. 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;
  ▪ Acknowledgement 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.