ATI Summer Student Award Program 2018 (U of Calgary)

Number of awards in 2018: up to 5 in Alberta

Value of each award: $1,500/month for a period of 2-4 months, from May to August of the year of the award.

Method of payment: The award will be paid as a bursary, as bursaries are not taxed in Canada.

Restrictions: Students who receive an ATI Summer Student Award must not hold a summer award from any other source in the year of the award, but are not restricted from applying for multiple awards (e.g., AIHS, etc.). The student and/or supervisor are responsible for informing the ATI if another summer student award is received. Students who decline the ATI award because of receiving a different award from another source can re-apply for the ATI Summer Student Award in future years, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Criteria

- Undergraduate students registered in a recognized degree program at the University of Calgary.
- Projects must be related to solid organ or cell transplantation, supervised by an ATI member, and carried out at the University of Calgary. Supervisors must have all necessary ethics approvals in place by the time the project begins.

Other Terms and Conditions

- Official competition results will be emailed to the applicant and supervisor. An Award Acceptance letter will have to be returned to the ATI by the date specified on the award letter, or the award will be deemed to have been declined.
- The research proposed in the ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award proposal must be undertaken during the time period stipulated in the application form and the award letter. Awards will be withdrawn if they are not implemented during this time frame.
- The ATI reserves the right to terminate an award if the terms and conditions are not met, or if there is unsatisfactory progress.
- The supervisor must submit a brief final report to the ATI within six weeks of the end of the award period (either completion of the project or termination) Funding support must be acknowledged in any presentations or publications of the supported research “This research has been funded by the Alberta Transplant Institute”.
- Award recipients are asked to notify the ATI if their research will be presented at a conference or published.
- Hours of work and vacation entitlement will be in compliance with University of Calgary policies.
- Students who are awarded the ATI Undergraduate Summer Studentship Award, but decline it to accept a different award may still list the ATI award in their resumes and CVs, but must note that the award was declined.

How to Apply at the University of Calgary

Students applying for the 2018 ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award will apply for the AIHS Summer Studentship Program (deadline Feb. 8, 2018), with a transplantation related research proposal that falls within the scope for AIHS. Applications will be evaluated by the undergraduate research awards review committee following their established adjudication criteria, and will share the adjudication results for students applying for the ATI award with the leadership team at the ATI.

As part of the application process, students applying for the ATI award must give the UofC explicit acknowledgement and consent to share their application content and adjudication results with the ATI. Upon submission of an ATI eligible application, the student will receive the following consent/acknowledgement statement (see screen shot below):

"I wish to apply for the 2018 ATI Summer Student Award at the U of C and I hereby give permission for my Alberta Innovates Summer Studentship application and all evaluations/assessments of my Alberta Innovates Summer Studentship application to be shared with the Alberta Transplant Institute"

Students who do not consent to sharing their results with the ATI will not be eligible for an ATI award, however not consenting will not affect their application or eligibility for other awards at the U of C.