



Faculty of Nursing Undergraduate Student Research Award Program Guidelines & Application Instructions

The Faculty of Nursing offers a research program to support the work of Undergraduate Honors Nursing students as they experience the research environment first-hand. All honors students are involved in research activities under the supervision of a Faculty of Nursing tenure track faculty member to develop their research skills and experience. The award is meant to support the work that honors students engage in during their tenure in the Honors program (collaborative or after degree). Together, the honors program and this research award aim to encourage students to engage in research, pursue graduate education, and consider a research career. The overall purpose of this award program is to strengthen nursing-related research and talent development by providing research training support to students. The goal is to lead to the development of the next generation of nursing researchers.

Students may complete the application form as individuals, in pairs, or in groups of three.

VALUE OF THE AWARD

The value of the 2026 studentship award is up to **\$2000/award per student**, paid as a bursary, and is therefore not subject to the Income Tax Act and Regulations of the Government of Canada. The award is paid as a lump sum following the completion of the Mandatory Expectations (defined below). From the time students are matched with a supervisor until they begin NURS 499, honors students may engage in research activities with their supervisor, consistent with the approximate workload of a 3-credit course (these credits are included in NURS 499, which is a 6-credit course). A rule of thumb for the workload of a 3-credit course is approximately 12 hrs per week for 13 weeks (a total of 156 hours). This is a guideline offered to clarify workload expectations; students are not required but are strongly encouraged to track their hours during the year that they are working with their supervisor and discuss this with their supervisor. All awards are valid only at the University of Alberta. Funding is non-transferable.

There is no limit to the number of awards the student may hold as a designated recipient. However, only one student financial award will be paid to support research activities for the honors program for any given applicant during the award period. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Nursing (c/o Research & Funding Support Coordinator) by email to nursing.research@ualberta.ca of their decision to accept or decline all respective awards, and to declare the extent of funding overlap.

Nursing students who have been successful in obtaining both the Faculty of Nursing Undergraduate Student Research Award and another external peer-reviewed competitive summer student award (e.g., Alberta Innovates, CFN, WCHRI, etc.) may hold the external award or may decline support from the Faculty of Nursing Undergraduate Student Research Award in situations of funding overlap.

ELIGIBILITY

The Faculty of Nursing Undergraduate Student Research Award is open to honors undergraduate students engaging in research activities within their supervisor's research program. Supervisors must hold a tenure-track appointment with the Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta.

Students are eligible to apply if they:

- Are currently enrolled in their 3rd year (collaborative) or 1st year (after degree) of the Nursing Honors Program.
- Agree to complete the equivalent of 156 hours of research by August 31 (or negotiated with supervisor) related to their honors research program (described in the application submitted).
- Agree to submit a complete final presentation (due Aug 31, 2026), as determined by the research office.
- Agree to consistently attend the *Undergraduate Student Summer Series: Launchpad to Research* during the award period, engage actively in sessions (i.e., camera on), and notify nursing.research@ualberta.ca if a session is missed (time spent can be counted towards the total commitment to honours research activities).
- Agree to discuss with their supervisor processes related to the development of co-authored publications related to their research activities.

Completion of 156 hours of research, submission of a final presentation, and participation in the **Undergraduate Student Summer Series: Launchpad to Research** are Mandatory Expectations to be completed before receipt of this Research Award.

The award will be paid as a lump sum following fulfillment of all Mandatory Expectations of this Research Award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply, please complete the following Google Form <[Link](#)>. The deadline for submission of all award applications is **February 3, 2026 at 3:00 pm (MST)**.

OBLIGATIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Student Obligations

Per the requirements of the honors program, students must be willing to engage in research activities within their supervisor's research program for approximately 156 hours over 1 year (i.e., from the time that they are matched with their supervisor until the beginning NURS 499) and agree not to change supervisors or projects during the term of the award. Students, in consultation with their supervisors, may work full-time or part-time on their honors research activities, provided all studentship hours are completed **by Aug 31, 2026**. Students are strongly encouraged to track their hours and discuss this with their supervisor. To request a change in Honors supervisor, the trainee must contact the Honors Program Coordinator. A change in supervisor cannot be guaranteed.

The studentship may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement between the student and the supervisor. Notify the Honors Program Coordinator (hannah.orourke@ualberta.ca) and the Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Nursing (c/o, Research & Funding Support Coordinator) by email to nursing.research@ualberta.ca and state the reason for termination in the email. The Associate Dean (Research) reserves the right to terminate any award if the conditions of the award are not met or if there is evidence of unsatisfactory progress.

The student and/or supervisor must immediately notify the Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Nursing (c/o the Research & Funding Support Coordinator) of any changes to the training status that may affect the recipient's eligibility to hold an award. This includes leaves of absence.

Reporting Requirements

Students and supervisors agree to share the NURS 499 final report after its evaluation in the fall term for internal use by the NRO to profile the studentship awards.

The student agrees to prepare additional studentship reporting documents (e.g., a final presentation prepared by the student and reviewed by the supervisor). This will be submitted to the Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Nursing (c/o the Research & Funding Support Coordinator) on or before the last business day of the student's final month of the summer studentship and/or no later than **August 31, 2026**.

Final reports/ presentations are intended to provide details on:

- **Outcomes of the research project** (including expected publications)
- **Deliverables** by the student
- **Value of participation** in the research studentship, including research skills and experience gained

Each project team must agree to create a 5-minute pre-recorded video describing their research project for dissemination as part of a virtual session of Alberta-Wide Nursing rounds (Target date to be determined- Target September). Student attendance in the online session is strongly encouraged. Videos must be submitted to nursing.research@ualberta.ca by August 31, 2026.

Undergraduate Student Summer Series: Launchpad to Research

Students must register to attend the Research Portfolio *Undergraduate Student Summer Research Institute: Launchpad to Research* lecture series during their respective award period. We value your participation. Series dates: TBA

ADMINISTRATION

Applicants will be notified of the results by the FoN Award Coordinator via email (nursing.research@ualberta.ca). The student and supervisor must complete and submit an **Offer of Award – Commencement and Compliance** and a **Faculty of Nursing Hiring Form** before the student's appointment. Students should ensure their mailing address in Bear Tracks is up to date.

If ethics certifications are required for the research project, a copy of the ethics approval must be emailed to the FoN Award Coordinator at nursing.research@ualberta.ca before any funds are released. Awards are non-renewable.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Students, supervisors, and others involved in the funded project are expected to provide acknowledgment of the Faculty of Nursing Undergraduate Student Research Award funding in any abstracts, publications, and dissemination of information, including conference proceedings resulting from this award.