

# 2021 Undergraduate Summer Studentship Competition Description

The Scientific Office of the Seniors Health Strategic Clinical Network™ (SCN), Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care portfolio, is providing funds for an **Undergraduate Summer Studentship Competition**. The aim of this opportunity is to facilitate the pursuit of knowledge and build capacity related to the three priority areas of the Seniors Health SCN:

- *Aging Brain Care,*
- *Frailty, Resilience, Aging-well: Late-life Transitions (FRAILTl), and*
- *Anticipating an Aging Alberta.*

Up to five awards will be available, providing a stipend of \$1,500/month per applicant for up to 4 months during Summer 2021 (maximum \$6,000 total per applicant). Eligible applicants should be enrolled in or accepted to a full-time undergraduate program in a health-related discipline. Applicants must be supervised or co-supervised by a researcher with an academic appointment at an academic institution in Alberta. The applicant's area of research must be related to the Seniors Health SCN priority areas (above; for more information, see <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/about/scn/ahs-scn-srs-roadmap.pdf>). Holders of other full-time studentship awards granted by a provincial or national funding body (AIHS, CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, etc.) are ineligible. Successful award recipients cannot accept more than one Summer Studentship, regardless of the funding source. They cannot be attending school or be employed in another full-time position at the same time as receiving the award. The funding is intended as a student stipend and is not designed to fund the research project or research activities. No university overhead costs can be deducted from the funds.

Applications are to be submitted electronically to Dr. Heather Hanson, Assistant Scientific Director, Seniors Health SCN ([Heather.Hanson@ahs.ca](mailto:Heather.Hanson@ahs.ca)), who will coordinate the competition. Applications must be submitted using a standardized application form; incomplete or late forms will not be considered. Please submit your application as a single pdf package. **The deadline for submissions is 4pm on Friday, February 5, 2021.**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel. The **assessment criteria** will include:

1. The quality of the research proposal,
2. Distinctive contribution to, and likely impact on, seniors' health and healthcare,
3. The quality of the research/training/supervisory environment, and
4. Student's academic record.

Formal letters of notification will be sent to applicants and their supervisors. The offer of award letters will include the terms and conditions of the award and the reporting requirements.

**Any questions regarding this competition should be directed to Dr. Heather Hanson, Assistant Scientific Director, Seniors Health SCN ([Heather.Hanson@ahs.ca](mailto:Heather.Hanson@ahs.ca)).**

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## Seniors Health 2021 Summer Studentship Application Form

| <b>Applicant Information</b>  |  |                        |                           |              |
|---|--|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| First Name  | Initial  | Last Name              |                           |              |
| Research Project Title  |  |                        |                           |              |
| Address   |  |                        | E-mail                    |              |
| City  | Province                                       | Postal Code            | Phone (Home)              | Phone (Cell) |
| Institution (presently registered)  |  |                        | Degree Program/Discipline |              |
| Year of Study (current)   | Start Date<br>dd/mm/year                       | End Date<br>dd/mm/year | GPA                       |              |
| If you are graduating, where and in what program will you be enrolled in Fall 2021? |  |                        |                           |              |
| <b>Supervisor Information</b>   |  |                        |                           |              |
| Name  | Email  | Telephone              | Fax                       |              |
| Institution   | Program (Faculty/Department/Division; Faculty) |                        |                           |              |
| Address   | City   | Province               | Postal Code               |              |

**Project Information**

**The Project description included in this application was written by whom? Please indicate which most applies:**

Student led       Supervisor Led       Combination of Student and Supervisor

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe the research project. (750 words or less)**

**Describe the project's application to the Seniors Health SCN mandate. (200 words or less)**

**Describe the student's role in the research project. (200 words or less)**

**Describe how this project complements the student's long-term career plans? (200 words or less)**

**Describe the training environment to be provided by the supervisor and host institution. (200 words or less)**

**Application Checklist:**

- Application Form
- Applicant CV (4-page maximum)
- Supervisor's CV (4-page maximum)
- Scanned Copies of Official Transcripts (all years of undergraduate completed)
- Letter of Support from supervisor

**Ethics**

- REB approval obtained  
Please list institution and certificate number: \_\_\_\_\_
- REB submission pending
- REB approval not required

**Summer Studentship Timelines**

|                                      |                             |  |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Summer Studentship Start Date of the | Summer Studentship End Date | Requested Duration of Studentship Period | Time dedicated to Summer Studentship |
| dd/mm/yyyy                           | dd/mm/yyyy                  | _____ Months                             | ___ ___ Hours/week                   |

**Proposed timelines of the Summer Research Project:**

**Signatures**

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| _____             | _____ |
| Student Applicant | Date  |
| _____             | _____ |
| Supervisor        | Date  |

Please carefully read all instructions and include all necessary documents.  
 Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.  
 It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the materials have been successfully submitted.