

SUMMER RESEARCH STUDENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Dean's Office is pleased to offer again this year paid summer research positions that will enable students to take part in faculty-directed research projects. In total, eight (8) positions are available.

The Summer Student Research Program provides opportunities for students to participate in research projects being conducted by members of the Faculty of Dentistry. Students who are confident that health sciences research will be part of their professional careers as well as those who wish to consider that possibility or to broaden their perspectives, will be able to gain valuable experience in the design, execution and evaluation of a research project. For those who have come into the Faculty with prior research experience, there is the potential to engage more directly in projects of particular relevance to oral health and related issues.

Students taking part in the program can earn up to \$4,200 (remuneration based on a rate of ~\$12/hour and a commitment of 350 hours, or on average 35 hours/week over the summer months - approximately 10 weeks). In addition to providing gainful employment, this program is intended to offer students a challenging and supportive environment in which to explore and develop an oral health research component to their professional training. As part of this program, students will have an opportunity to participate periodically in lunchtime interprofessional research skills workshops that will serve as well to connect students to the broader health sciences research community. A culmination of this experience will be the Health Sciences Research Day involving the Faculties of Dentistry, Health Professions and Medicine to take place in February 2011. It is an expectation of this program that all summer research students will present the results of their work in poster format on this day.

A description of the available projects as well as application forms and additional information can be found on-line at www.dentistry.dal.ca under the research link. Please note that the application deadline is Monday, April 12th. The Research Development Committee - in consultation with the project supervisors - will review all applications, with results to be announced by mid April. Preference will be given to returning summer students. Please note that while the program is not restricted to first and second year students, it is expected that the student will be able to commit sufficient time (including the summer months) to achieve the project objectives.

Please feel free to contact me (mary.mcnally@dal.ca, 494-1294) if you have any questions regarding the program. I look forward to a fruitful and stimulating summer research experience!

Regards,

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