



Women's
Health Program
Lillian Love Chair

Women's Health Summer Studentship Award

Competition Now Open

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Summer Student Research Opportunities 2024: The Women's Health Program Summer Studentship Research competition is now accepting applications for summer 2024. Funding awards of \$6,000 are available for 3 months beginning June 3rd, 2024, ending August 30th, 2024 (exact timing flexible).

I. Background and Research Focus

The UHN Women's Health Program supports research aimed at measuring and improving healthcare for women, as well as initiatives aimed at improving education in women's health and at supporting the success of women in medicine. The program embraces gender diversity and the term "women" includes all people who identify as such. Projects must be done under the supervision of a UHN Women's Health Program member, and the study proposal must be developed in conjunction with the supervisor.

II. Application process and details

This studentship is open to undergraduate students, medical students, and students enrolled in course-based (i.e. non-research-based) graduate programs. Interested students are invited to submit an application, including a brief description of the summer research project, in association with a Women's Health Program member*. The research project must be related to the Women's Health Program goals in order to be considered for funding. It is a goal that all research projects will result in a paper that is submitted for publication.

An individual may only hold the award for a maximum of two years (with each year requiring a new application).

Students who will be graduating from their programs prior to the commencement of the summer research term must indicate they have applied for an academic program to start the following September. Please note that funding will be released on the condition that students submit written verification of enrollment in the intended university program.

The UHN Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology (DMOH) will be partnering with the Women's Health Program to support students who are successful in their application for the Women's Health Program summer student award and who are supervised by a DMOH member. The eligibility

criteria, application process, peer review, and award amount are the same for all students who apply, and no additional notification is required on an applicant's part.

Interested students are encouraged to contact a Women's Health Program member directly to develop a research project (see investigator page). Please note: the supervising member may be required to provide additional funds to bring the stipend to the standard level independently determined by their host institution. *A Women's Health Program member may be awarded a maximum of 1 summer student per competition.

III. Application requirements

All applicants are required to submit the following:

- Application form
- A 1-2 page proposal outlining the research project, developed in conjunction with the supervisor. **The applicant's role in the project must be clearly defined in the proposal**
- A letter of support from the proposed Women's Health Program supervising member
- 2 additional letters of support from university faculty member familiar with the applicant's work/studies
- Curriculum Vitae/CV
- Official transcript
- If applicable, a letter from the supervisor providing written confirmation of the availability of funds to bring the student stipend to the standard level determined by the student/investigator's host institution (if required).

*Applicants cannot hold another summer studentship award concurrently with the Women's Health award.

Send your completed application package to:

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IV. Application due date & notification

The deadline for applications is Friday March 29, 2024 by 5:00pm EST. All applications will be adjudicated, and applicants will be notified of the results of the competition by the end of May 2024. Funds to support this student training initiative are provided by the Lillian Love Chair in Women's Health at UHN.