



Women's
Health Program
Lillian Love Chair

Women's Health Summer Studentship Award

Competition Now Open

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Closing date: **Friday March 27, 2026 at 5:00pm EST**

Summer Student Research Opportunities 2026: The Women's Health Program Summer Studentship Research competition is now accepting applications for summer 2026. Funding awards of \$6,000 are available for 3-months research term beginning June 1st, 2026 and ending August 21st, 2026 (exact timing flexible).

Background and Research Focus

The UHN Women's Health Program supports research aimed at improving healthcare for women, advancing education in women's health, and 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 conducted under the supervision of a **UHN Women's Health Program member**, and the research proposal must be developed in collaboration with the supervisor.

Application process and details

This studentship is open to:

- Undergraduate students
- Medical students
- Students enrolled in course-based (non-research-based) graduate programs

Interested students must submit an application including a brief description of the proposed summer research project, developed in association with a Women's Health Program member*. Projects must align with the Women's Health Program goals to be considered.

It is an expectation that all research projects will lead to a manuscript submitted for publication.

Additional details:

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

- Students graduating prior to the start of the summer term must indicate they have applied to an academic program beginning the following September.
- Funding will only be released upon receipt of **written verification of enrollment**. Funding will be provided in installments with the final installment to be released when the exit report and presentations are completed.
- Interested students are encouraged to contact a Women's Health Program member directly to develop their research project (see investigator page).
- Supervisors may be required to provide supplemental funds to match the standard stipend level set by their host institution.

* A Women's Health Program member may supervise a **maximum of one** summer student per competition.

Application requirements

All applicants must submit:

- Completed **Application Form**
- **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**
- **Letter of support** from the supervising Women's Health Program member
- **Two additional letters of support** from university faculty familiar with the applicant's work or studies
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
- **Official transcript**
- If applicable, a letter from the supervisor confirming **availability of additional funds** to bring the stipend to the required institutional standard

Important: Applicants may **not** hold another summer studentship award concurrently with the Women's Health Summer Studentship Award.

Presentation Requirement (New)

Students selected for funding must:

- **Present their research at Women's Health Program Rounds or Forum**, and
- **Provide a 5-7 minutes presentation recording and accompanying slides** to be showcased on the Women's Health Program website and included in our annual newsletter

Application Submission

Please send your **completed application as a single PDF** file to:

Karen.Liu@uhn.ca

Application Deadline & Notification

The deadline for applications is Friday March 27, 2026 by 5:00pm EST.

All applications will be adjudicated, and applicants will be notified of the results by the mid of May 2026. Funds to support this student training initiative are provided by the **Lillian Love Chair in Women's Health at UHN**.