

Centre for Blood Research (CBR) & Life Sciences Institute (LSI) Summer Studentship Program Application Form

AWARD AMOUNT

Summer students receive an award of **\$6000 from CBR or LSI and \$3500 from PI (\$9500 total + benefits)** for **16 weeks** duration (May – August, 2024).

PURPOSE

To provide research opportunities for students to get hands-on research experience, be exposed to a wide range of biomedical disciplines and technologies, develop transferrable skills, and gain insights into career options. It is also a chance to meet people with varied backgrounds and experiences, at all levels of training.

DESCRIPTION & ELIGIBILITY (SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT)

- i. These awards are designated for undergraduate students or medical students who are interested in working under the supervision of a CBR Principal Investigator (PI), LSI Principal Investigator (PI), Research Associate (RA), or Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF) over the summer period (May to August).
- ii. Projects are **16 weeks in length**. Shorter periods can be accommodated (i.e., medical students), upon notification to the CBR Communications and Programs Coordinator, Kaitlyn Chuong, kaitlyn.chuong@ubc.ca. In such cases, the award amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- iii. Project scope is not limited to basic science/clinical research, and can include science education/communication projects. The award expects that students will be conducting research for **35 hours per week**.
- iv. We will try to spread awards throughout the CBR and LSI, but more than one award may be held per PI. Only **one** student may be supervised by a PDF/RA. PDFs/RAs who are directly supervising students must have approval from their PI.
- v. CBR or LSI will contribute **\$6,000 + benefits** of the award funding, while PIs must contribute **\$3500 + benefits** of the award funding. Upon award acceptance, PIs must provide a worktag (*speedchart*) to administrative staff. The award will be disbursed as a monthly payment through CBR or LSI.
- vi. Successful student applicants:
 - a. Are required to participate in a presentation of their work or work-in-progress at the CBR Research Day (**August 15, 2024**, held in-person at the Life Sciences Centre).
 - b. Are required to participate in **all** CBR-organized summer events (see 'Award Conditions').
 - c. Are required to submit a 1-page written report that includes a summary of their research project, a reflection of their Program experience, and an assessment of the overall Program. This report should be sent to the CBR Communications and Programs Coordinator before **August 25, 2024**.
 - d. Are NOT eligible to hold both a CBR Summer Studentship and any other funding (e.g., NSERC URSA) during the CBR Summer Studentship funding period (May to August).
- vii. Students and PIs are encouraged to discuss project expectations, schedules, and timelines in advance of agreeing to apply together.
- viii. The funding entity (CBR or LSI) must be acknowledged in publications and presentations of work arising from this award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Completed applications with signed statements by the student must be submitted to CBR Communications and Programs Coordinator, Kaitlyn Chuong, kaitlyn.chuong@ubc.ca before **March 10, 2024**. Please email the application package as a **single PDF file**.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- i. On a single letter-size page, with font equivalent to or greater than Times New Roman size 11, the PI/RA/PDF should provide a brief description of the project, who will supervise the student, how the student will participate, and what the student is likely to accomplish in terms of knowledge and skills.
- ii. The student's resume (**2 pages maximum**) that includes all contact information must be attached.
- iii. The student, PDF/RA (if applicable), and PI must sign the agreement to participate in CBR summer events.

TIMELINE

Deadline for Application: **March 10, 2024**

Notification of Decision: **late March/early April**

Centre for Blood Research (CBR) & Life Sciences Institute (LSI) Summer Studentship Award Conditions

The CBR/LSI Summer Studentship Program is a terrific opportunity to get hands-on research experience, be exposed to a wide range of biomedical disciplines and technologies, develop transferrable skills, and gain insights into career options. It is also a chance to meet people with varied backgrounds and experiences, at all levels of training.

This award is highly competitive. Those who accept the award are expected to participate in all aspects of the program.

To accept the award, you must agree to the following:

- i. I am currently an undergraduate or medical student registered at a recognized university.
- ii. I will work under the supervision of a CBR Principal Investigator (PI), LSI Principal Investigator (PI), Research Associate (RA), or Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF) over the summer period (May to August). My PI has agreed to contribute up to \$4000 (\$3500 + benefits) of the award funding.
- iii. I will not hold any other awards during the tenure of the CBR/LSI Summer Studentship Program.
- iv. I will present my research work-in-progress at the CBR Research Day symposium (**August 15, 2024**).
- v. I will participate in **all** program-organized summer events and my PI will ensure that time is available to attend or complete the following (details to follow):
 - Social events
 - Career development events
 - Research skills sessions
 - A 1-page written report that includes a summary of my research project, a reflection of my Program experience, and an assessment of the overall Program. I will submit this to the CBR Communications and Programs Coordinator before **August 25, 2024**.
 - An end-of-program online survey before **August 25, 2024**.
- vi. If I am unable to attend any event, I will let the CBR Communications and Programs Coordinator, Kaitlyn Chuong, kaitlyn.chuong@ubc.ca know as soon as possible.

I understand that failure to adhere to this agreement will jeopardize payment of the award.

Printed Name & Email Address

**Signature
(Digital signatures acceptable)**

Student		
PDF/RA (if applicable)		
Principal Investigator		

Student Start Date: _____

Student End Date: _____

Research project length (in weeks): _____