



UNIVERSITY OF  
SASKATCHEWAN

# INTERDISCIPLINARY SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES OF MEDICINE, PHARMACY  
AND NUTRITION, NURSING, AND KINESIOLOGY.

## 2024 GUIDELINES

### Reports

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00 PM FEBRUARY 28, 2024

SUBMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES:  
[INTERDISCIPLINARY.RESEARCH@USASK.CA](mailto:INTERDISCIPLINARY.RESEARCH@USASK.CA)



## 2024 Interdisciplinary Summer Research Program Guidelines

Sponsored by the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing, and Kinesiology

### Program Goals

The Interdisciplinary Summer Research program provides undergraduate salary awards to facilitate the research training of summer students enrolled in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing, and Kinesiology. Each project involves a collaboration between faculty from two or more Colleges who jointly supervise a student research project. The purpose of these awards is to provide students with valuable research experience, inspiring them to consider pursuing graduate studies; as well as increase interdisciplinary research within the Health Sciences.

### Timeline

- **January 9** Funding Announcement: Release of Guidelines and Application Form
- **February 28** Application Deadline
- **March** Notification of Award
- **May 1** Start of Projects

### Number of Applications

**One submission per applicant will be accepted.** Thus, each student and each supervisor may only submit one application per year. Each project submitted is to be a stand-alone project with clearly defined objectives and outcomes. A student will have two or more supervisors, each from a separate participating college. These Co-supervisors will share equal duties and responsibilities.

### Length and Number of Awards

Research projects are between 10 and 16 weeks and run over the summer months (May-August) exclusively.

This salary award is given to students who will be hired as term employees. Students will receive \$15/hr and will work 37.5 hours a week. Vacation days must be coordinated in advance with the supervisors and taken within the project term as these will not be paid out from the award at the end of the work term. Supervisors will need to provide a fund number to cover any additional expenses incurred beyond the value of the award, such as a higher hourly wage or a vacation pay-out.

### Eligibility

These awards are open to all undergraduate students enrolled in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing, and Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan. Students must have a **minimum average of 80% in their last two terms, or in their first term for first-year students.**

Co-supervisors must be **faculty who are eligible to hold research funds** in their respective College for the duration of the award period. Any questions regarding eligibility should be directed to [interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca](mailto:interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca) at least one week before the deadline so that we are able to assist you with assessing your eligibility.



### Choosing and Submitting a Project

Students who have an idea for a project or an interest in a particular area are encouraged to approach faculty with their ideas. Once student and faculty members are paired, they can begin completing an application to submit together.

### Application

Submit a complete application form to [interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca](mailto:interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca) by **February 28, 2024**.

### Assessment

Write your application in a manner that can be understood by a non-expert. Applications will be assessed and ranked by the Vice-Dean Research and Associate Deans Research using the evaluation rubric.

### Notice of Decision

Written notification of the outcome of applications will be sent to applicants in mid to late March. Successful applicants will have two weeks to return the required hiring documents.

## Supervisor and Student Responsibilities

### Students

- The award is considered full-time employment and students may not hold other employment for duration of the award.
- Must work the allotted weeks at 37.5 hours/week. Notify the supervisor if this is not possible.
- Present your project at . This will include the Undergraduate Research Showcase. Students may also present at the SURE symposium, Life and Health Sciences Expo, or College of Nursing Research and Scholarship Day for CoN student projects.

### Supervisors

- Must obtain ethics approval if required. REB applications must be submitted as early as possible to allow for the approval process to take place prior to project start date.
- Complete mid-point and final report on Survey Monkey.
- Mentor and supervise the student.
- Report promptly to [interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca](mailto:interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca) if the student does not meet the funding requirements of the program.

### Supervisor Expectations

It is expected that if a proposed project has any impact on a third party, that the supervisor is to inform the third party of any implications and obtain written permission to continue with the research. Failure to comply with this could result in the cancellation of an awarded project.

### Research Ethics Approval

If approvals are needed, it is the responsibility of the supervisors, and these must be in place prior to the start of the project.



## Reporting Requirements

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### Poster Presentation

Successful applicants will be required to present their projects at a student research event. This will include the Undergraduate Research Showcase research poster session in October. Students may also present at theSURE symposium in late summer or fall, or Life and Health Sciences Expo in May. Details regarding the location and time of these research days will be sent out in the summer.

### Publication Acknowledgement

All publications resulting from the salary award should acknowledge the Interdisciplinary Summer Research Program, University of Saskatchewan.

### Contact

General inquiries and completed application forms should be sent to: [interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca](mailto:interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca).

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# Interdisciplinary Summer Student Research Application

Students and faculty from the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Nursing and Kinesiology are invited to complete the application form and submit to

[interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca](mailto:interdisciplinary.research@usask.ca)

**by 4:00 pm February 28, 2024.**

Student Information	
Name:	NSID:
Email:	
<b>Transcript</b> – Attach an unofficial USask transcript that includes 2023 Term 1 marks. Students must have a minimum average of 80% in their last two terms.	
Student Program Name:	
Year in Program:	
Supervisor Information	
Co-Supervisor 1	
Name:	NSID:
Email:	College:
Co-Supervisor 2	
Name:	NSID:
Email:	College:
Co-Supervisor 3 (optional)	
Name:	NSID:
Email:	College:
Co-Supervisor 4 (optional)	
Name:	NSID:
Email:	College:

### Research Project Description

COMPLETED BY A CO-SUPERVISOR. Include project title, goals and objectives, a brief description of the methodology, and expected outcomes. 250 words max.

### Student Project Description

COMPLETED BY A CO-SUPERVISOR. Describe the student's roles and responsibilities, learning objectives, and tangible outcomes (presentation, authorship, networking opportunities). 250 words max.

### Student Statement of Interest

COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT. Briefly describe why you want to be involved in this research project and how your experience and skillset can help you complete this project. 250 words max.

### Co-Supervisory Environment

COMPLETED BY A CO-SUPERVISOR. Describe the **co-supervisory and interdisciplinary** environment, including benefits, supervisors-student interactions, and student supports. 250 words max.

## Timeline

Project timeline should be clearly outlined and realistic and include start and end dates.

### **Research Ethics Approval**

If approvals are needed, it the responsibility of the supervisors and must be in place prior to the start of the project. REB applications must be submitted by March 1 to allow for the approval process to take place before the project start date. Contact [ethics.office@usask.ca](mailto:ethics.office@usask.ca) for any questions.

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