

# RXCOGNIZING RESEARCH POTENTIAL

COLLEGE OF NURSING  
UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

## 2025 GUIDELINES



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**SUBMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES TO:**  
**NURSING.RESEARCH@USASK.CA**



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# UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP: R<sub>x</sub>COGNIZING RESEARCH POTENTIAL

## Program Goals:

The R<sub>x</sub>cognizing Research Potential: Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships are designed to introduce undergraduate nursing students to scientific research and nurture research potential. The Fellowship also acts to highlight the College of Nursing research signature areas and guide students through the practical processes required for conducting research.

The Fellowships will support the full-time salary for a student working under a faculty member at the College of Nursing. The students will work in conjunction with The Nursing Unit for Research and Scholarship Excellent (NURSE) for research support purposes. The intent of these awards is to build student research skills and provide valuable research experience, inspiring students to consider pursuing graduate studies and continued research efforts.

## Timeline:

- **January 6, 2025:** Funding announcement; Release of application document
- **February 28, 2025:** Application deadline
- **March 21, 2025:** Notification of awards
- **April 14, 2025:** deadline to submit REB by supervisor (where required)
- **July 1, 2025:** Project start date

## Number of Applications:

**Only one submission per applicant will be considered.** 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.

## Eligibility:

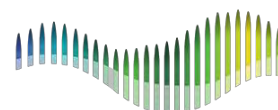
This program is available to all College of Nursing undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan (all campuses). Students are invited to apply and those accepted into the Rx Fellowship must confirm that they are currently registered students and must have a **minimum average of 75% in their last two terms.**



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

Faculty and students must commit to the fellowship requirements, described below. The project must be feasible for the timeline provided and appropriate for an introductory researcher level.

### Length and Number of Awards:

Research projects are eight (8) weeks and run from July 1 – August 31, 2025. There will be a maximum of four (4) awards granted per year, representing one project from each of the three [Signature Area](#) and one additional fellowship for a equity deserving group. Equity deserving groups include persons with disabilities, those of Indigenous ancestry, visible minorities and/or women, members of the LGBTQ2IA+ community, or any other identified equity deserving group. [Equity Diversity & Inclusion \(usask.ca\)](#).

This is a salary award is awarded students will be hired as term employees. Students will receive \$18/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 award, such as vacation pay.

### 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. The see faculty research areas view our College of Nursing [Research and Scholarship Snapshot](#) Booklet. Once student and faculty members are paired, they can begin completing an application to submit together. Examples of appropriate projects may include: concept development, developing questionnaire/interview guides, testing measurement tools, practicing interview and other qualitative methods, exposure to literature review or data analysis, secondary data analysis.

### Application

Submit a complete application form to [nursing.research@usask.ca](mailto:nursing.research@usask.ca) by 5:00PM on February 28, 2025.

### Assessment

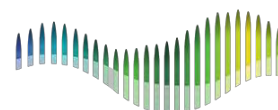
Write your application in a manner that can be understood by a non-expert. Applications will be assessed and ranked by the Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies and NURSE using the evaluation rubric. The grading rubric will include assessment measures such as (1) student academic standing (2) project feasibility (3) strength of the application.



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Notice of Decision Written notification of the outcome of applications will be sent to applicants by March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Successful applicants will have two weeks to submit written notification of award acceptance to [nursing.research@usask.ca](mailto:nursing.research@usask.ca) and return the required hiring documents. Any projects requiring REB approval will require that they application be submitted no later than April 14<sup>th</sup>.

All projects will be embargoed until a standard release time in late April.

## Supervisor and Student Responsibilities

### Students

- Award is considered full-time employment and students may not hold another USask position for duration of the award.
- Must work the allotted weeks at 37.5 hours/week. Notify the supervisor if this is not possible.
- The student commits to respond promptly to all communication with their supervisor and NURSE (expectation of 48 hours or less between Monday - Friday)
- Complete the mid-way and final report on Survey Monkey.
- Present your research at the College of Nursing Research and Scholarship Day

### Supervisors

- Must obtain ethics approval if required. REB applications must be submitted by April 15 to allow for the approval process to take place before the project start date.
- Complete the mid-way and final report on Survey Monkey.
- Mentor and supervise the student.
- A commitment to work in conjunction with NURSE to achieve the project goals and attend Rx-specific workshops/events
- 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.

## Reporting Requirements

### Reports

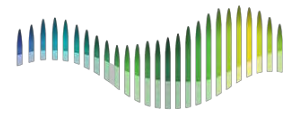
All recipients will submit a mid-point and final report via SurveyMonkey. Mid-point and final reports will be used to assess progress, timelines and other concerns.



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### Poster Presentation

Recipients will be required to participate in the College of Nursing Research and Scholarship Day research poster session. Students may also wish to participate in the SURE symposium in late summer or fall or Life and Health Sciences Expo in May but this cannot be a substitute for the CoN Research and Scholarship Day presentation unless approved by your supervisor and NURSE. 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 College of Nursing Undergraduate Research Fellowship and University of Saskatchewan.

### Contact

General inquiries and application submission should be sent to: [nursing.research@usask.ca](mailto:nursing.research@usask.ca).