



CRAF Clinical Summer Studentship Guidelines

Applicants:

There are a maximum of 10 full-time positions available for clinical or clinical & research settings with an emphasis placed on clinical training. Clinical applicants are strongly encouraged to seek opportunities from rural and underserved community settings. Each student can apply for both the clinical and research studentships but can only accept one studentship if both applications are successful. Each student can only submit a maximum of one application per studentship program (i.e., 1 for research, 1 for clinical). Each mentor can only submit a maximum of one application (or equivalency) per clinical studentship program and a maximum of one application per research studentship program. This is a joint application between the student applicant and a member of the CRA (the mentor). To apply, refer to the [clinical application](#).

Remuneration:

The salary per student will be the minimum wage of the province in which your summer studentship is located. All students will sign a contract with the **CRA** for their summer employment. They will submit their hours biweekly and the pay will be administered by the **CRA**. Only the hours agreed upon in the contract will be paid.

Eligibility Criteria Includes:

- Only 1 full-time clinical studentship of up to 12 weeks or equivalency (i.e., 3 students x 4 weeks = 12 weeks total) per MENTOR will be awarded (minimum 4 weeks, full-time at 35 hours per week)
- The same mentor can also apply as a research mentor for the CRAF Research Summer Studentship (refer to the [research application](#) for details)
- Applicant is a Canadian citizen/permanent resident and a medical student currently registered in a medical school.
- Mentor is a rheumatologist, member of the CRA, and has accepted to supervise the student through the duration of the mentorship program.
- The student cannot be related to the mentor.

Note: Medical malpractice insurance is strictly required for ALL summer students. CRAF is not responsible for the cost of obtaining such coverage.

Evaluation Criteria:

A committee comprised of CRA members will review and select the successful applicants based on the following criteria:

- Candidate's reason to do clinical experience in rheumatology.
- Candidate's relevant experience/CV indicates s/he is an ideal candidate for the program.
- Mentor's description of clinical experience

Note: Efforts will be made to ensure Summer Studentship awards are regionally dispersed across Canada. Proof of University Medical School enrolment must be supplied.

Note: *CRA has joined with Choosing Wisely Canada and other Canadian medical societies to identify 5 practices, therapies, or procedures that they see are overused and not adding value, and where there is literature to support its misuse. Students, please consider choosing a quality improvement project, such as a chart audit of the practice on a topic of interest to the mentor. This could result in practice improvement and improved patient care for the mentor and learning how to do a practice audit and a project to present at the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting for the student. For some choosing wisely topics to consider, visit <https://choosingwiselycanada.org/>*

Publicity:

The ownership of this program belongs to the CRA and is sponsored by the CRA and a sponsor. Additional publicity for this program may include advertising of the studentship, publishing the experiences of the students and/or presenting a plaque to the students (or a subset of them) at the CRA annual dinner (as part of the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting). One or more exceptional students, along with their mentor, may be featured in the Journal of the CRA to highlight this program.

Additional Opportunity:

Mentors can nominate a student to attend the annual CRA meeting based on enthusiasm and interest in rheumatology. The CRAF may provide complimentary registration and a travel bursary to the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Note: In order to be considered to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting, applicants must be prepared to present their work at the conference (details regarding this requirement will be provided via the ASM travel bursary nomination, post studentship).

Equal & Inclusive Employment:

The CRAF is committed to the fundamental principles of equal and inclusive opportunities in employment. The CRAF is committed to ensuring that the recruitment and selection of all employees is fair, open and transparent; will comply with all relevant legislative requirements and will be free from any bias and/or discrimination. This policy applies to all aspects of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, transfer, compensation, training, education and summer studentship programs.

The CRAF reserves the right to cancel this or any program without prior notice.