



## CRAF Research Summer Studentship Guidelines

### Applicants:

Full-time positions available for clinical, basic or translational research (maximum number of positions will be determined once funding is secured). Preference will be given to a project that is feasible to be completed during the studentship program. 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 [research application](#).

### Remuneration:

The salary per student will be the minimum wage of the province in which your summer studentship is located. Placement dates must be between May 15, 2023, and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (**pending external funding, to be confirmed by May 2023**). All students will sign a contract with the **CRA** for their 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 you be paid.

### Eligibility Criteria Includes:

- Only 1 full-time research studentship of up to 12 weeks per MENTOR will be awarded (minimum 6 weeks, full-time at 30 to 35 hours per week). The CRAF will NOT consider 2 students sharing a research position
- Research studentships are full-time exclusively, no part-time option available.
- The same mentor can also apply as a clinical mentor for the CRAF-Pfizer Clinical Summer Studentship (refer to the [clinical 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 / be available 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. The 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 research in rheumatology
- Candidate's relevant experience/CV indicates s/he is an ideal candidate for the program
- Mentor's description of research project
- Ability of mentor to supervise mentee (track record)

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: *When choosing a topic for your proposed project, please consider choosing a quality improvement project, such as an audit chart 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. Furthermore, mentors can apply for MOCOMP section 3 credits, and the mentor/student team could apply for a CRA Best Abstract on Quality Care Initiatives in Rheumatology Award based on this work. For some choosing wisely topics to consider, visit <https://choosingwiselycanada.org/>*

## **Publicity:**

The ownership of this program belongs to the CRAF and is sponsored by the CRAF. 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.