



## 2025 CRAF Research Summer Studentship Guidelines

Full-time positions are available for CRAF Research Summer Studentship (the maximum number of positions will be determined once funding is secured). Preference will be given to a feasible project to be completed during the program (min 6 weeks to max 12 weeks). Each student can apply for both the clinical and research streams but can only accept one studentship if both applications are successful. 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 province's minimum wage, where your summer studentship is located. Placement dates must be between May 26<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. **(Pending external funding, to be confirmed by the end of April 2025)**. 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 be paid.

### Eligibility Criteria Includes:

- Applicant is a Canadian citizen/permanent resident and a medical student currently registered in a medical school.
- The mentor is a rheumatologist, a member of the CRA, and has accepted/is available to supervise the student throughout 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 for having clinical experience in rheumatology.
- Candidate's relevant experience/CV indicates they are 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 Choosing Wisely Canada and other Canadian medical societies to identify five 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, 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 CRAF and is sponsored by CRAF and/or a sponsor. Additional publicity for this program may include advertising the studentship, publishing the students' experiences, 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 and their mentors 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. CRAF may provide complimentary registration and a travel bursary to the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Note:** 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:**

CRAF is committed to the fundamental principles of equal and inclusive opportunities in employment. 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.

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