In addition to the University Research Studentships (URA), which are based on student financial need, and the University Student Research Awards (USRA) which are for students working in NSERC-funded labs, there are numerous OVC Summer Research Studentships available each year. These Studentships are funded from various sources and have specific terms and conditions as indicated below.

The primary purpose of the Summer Research Studentships is to increase the number of experiential learning opportunities in research for DVM and undergraduate students to encourage them to consider research careers. The Studentships are to support opportunities for students to engage in semi-independent research projects or participate in larger ongoing research projects during the summer.

**Process for allocating the Summer Research Studentships:**

**December 19, 2019:** Call for abstracts describing the summer research project(s). Abstract forms are available on the OVC Research website.

**January 17, 2020:** Deadline for submission of completed abstract forms. Faculty interested in advising a summer research student should submit a completed abstract form to ovcsas.research@uoguelph.ca as an email attachment.

The Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, with members of the Research Advisory Committee, will select the abstracts that will be associated with the Studentships based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the project for DVM and undergraduate summer research students
- Clarity and feasibility of the research objectives and experimental plan
- Faculty record of research student advising, research productivity and availability of operating funds and infrastructure for the summer research project (information derived from eCV)
- Relevance of the proposed research to the terms and conditions of the studentship

**January 22 – February 10, 2020:** A list of research projects will be made available on the “Announcements” page of the OVC research website. Students interested in working on a specific summer research project will contact faculty members directly to discuss possible involvement with the project. Faculty will select the student based on the following criteria:
- Academic record (transcripts provided by student), general interest in research and the summer research project
- Willingness to adhere to the terms and conditions of the studentship particularly the commitment to being present for a maximum of 35 hours per week during the entire 14.4 week period of the research project. As students will receive 4% vacation pay on their hourly rate, it is expected that they will work full-time (35hrs/week) for the entire 14.4 weeks.
- Restrictions stated in the award

February 10, 2020: Competition closes: Faculty will inform the Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies at ovcsas.research@uoguelph.ca of the faculty name, faculty department, project name, name of the student chosen, the student email address, the student number and the faculty general purpose account number.

**OVC Summer Research Studentships Available for 2020**

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A total of $8000 will be provided by each funding source for student salaries. This is based on a minimum hourly rate of $14 for a maximum total of 504 hours. A higher hourly rate or any additional hours over the 504 hours will be paid by the faculty member. In addition to the salary, the faculty advisor for each approved position will receive $1000 in operating support.
General Terms and Conditions

Recipients of the Summer Research Studentships must:

• be available to work on the research project for 14.4 weeks full-time (i.e. 35 hours/week) between May 1 and August 31, 2020
• participate in the summer Career Opportunities and Research Exploration (CORE) program. Advisors are requested to be flexible in research work hours to allow students to participate in this program
• if awarded a Boehringer Ingelheim Summer Research Scholarship, attend and present a research poster at the Boehringer Ingelheim NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium held at the beginning of August. All expenses for attending the symposium are paid by Boehringer Ingelheim
• complete a survey evaluating the research experience and the mentor’s performance

Faculty advisors must:

• be available to supervise the summer research student for the entire 14.4-week period (or longer if the student is employed for a longer period)
• provide an advisory and mentoring role to motivate and guide the student and to foster an interest in research
• complete a survey evaluating the student’s performance and the efficacy of the program at completion