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Information for Principal Investigators

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Call for projects for the Summer Research Program 2012

The Faculty of Dentistry has opportunities for summer students to gain experience in laboratory and clinical research. The quality of work that the students have been producing in the past has been of very high calibre and several students are presenting their award winning projects at top international meetings every year. I invite you to seriously consider taking on a student next summer.

Your next steps:

- **Now:**
Identify a research project in your lab that is suitable for an undergraduate student.
- **By January 11, 2012:**
Summarize your project on 1/2 page (~350 words) and submit to the Summer Research Program, using the form: "2012_Project_Application_PIs.docx", available for download under: www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/facultyresearch/undergrad.html. Details are found within the form.

Your benefit:

- A motivated student with good academic marks, often with previous research experience.
- (Wo)Man power for your research, leading to a possible abstract or other publication.
- The possibility to train and "test" a student for a possible subsequent Master Project.
- Funds from the Faculty of Dentistry between \$2,400.-- to \$3,500.-- to match your contribution. A portion of these funds is for your discretionary use as long as it is related to the project and depending on availability of funds.

Your contribution:

- For students funded by the Summer Research Program, we request a matching contribution from the supervisor between \$1,600.-- to \$3,000.--, depending on how long you have the student and whether the student has previously participated in our program (*for details see additional information below*).
- The PI contribution is to be paid to the program and not directly to the student.
- **If you have an exciting project but cannot assure matching funding at the time of the application, please apply anyhow!! If program funding allows, we may be able to fully support one outstanding project.**

Additional information:

Chances to get funding:

- Typically, 5-10 projects out of 20-30 submissions are funded per year.
- Preference will be given to projects in laboratories or clinics with an active research program. Existing or applied for external peer-review grant support is considered a positive factor.

Requirements:

- The project supervisor must have demonstrated expertise or access to expertise for executing the project. Each student is under the direct supervision of a faculty member.
- Supervisors are expected to contribute to the student's salary: \$800.--/month for first time students, \$1,000.--/month for students in the second or subsequent year of funding. This formula provides the supervisor with the option of working with experienced students while encouraging employment of first time students without previous research experience in the Faculty. The PI contribution is to be paid to the program and not directly to the student.
- Please note that the Summer Research Program cannot provide support for students that receive stipends from other funding agencies. If fellowships are awarded after application to the program, the program director has to be informed. Students can nevertheless follow the program's activities.

Timeline:

January 16, 2012: Students will have access to all projects submitted by the supervisors. Students are encouraged to contact potential supervisors before that deadline to secure their spot in the lab.

February 17, 2012: Deadline for students to submit their application, using the form: "2012_Fellowship_Application_Student.docx"
(www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/facultyresearch/undergrad.html.)

End of April, 2012: Funded projects will be announced.

May-August 2012: In this period, summer students are typically in the laboratory.

August 24, 2012: The results of all summer student projects **must** be presented and **must** be summarized in an IADR abstract format. Supervisors will have to make themselves available for the presentation date (or a qualified substitute). The presented research projects will be ranked and may receive additional travel support depending on availability of funds.

February 2013: Projects **must** be presented at the Faculty's Research Day in poster form.

Student profile:

- The Summer Research Program is open to undergraduate students of the Faculty of Dentistry at U of T, institutes associated with the Faculty, and other Dental Faculties in Canada. There will also be a limited number of spots for non-dental undergraduate students.
- All application documents submitted by the students (CV, academic transcripts, statement of research interest) are available upon request from Leah Raz.
- First or second year dental students will be appointed for three months. Third-year students can be appointed for two months. Students are not entitled to paid leave during this period.
- Students from this program will be eligible for ADA, CDA Dentsply and OKU Alumni awards, when available to the Faculty.

For information and submissions (e-mail only) please contact Leah Raz, l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca.