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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM
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Information for Undergraduate Students

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Call for applications to 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 apply for this program which is an excellent opportunity to gain first research experience.

Your next steps:

- **Now:**
Identify a laboratory where you want to perform your summer project. Contact the supervisor as soon as possible to secure your spot. Summer student places fill very quickly.
- **February, 17, 2012:**
Submit your application using the form "2012_Fellowship_Application_Student.docx", available for download under: www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/facultyresearch/undergrad.html. Details are found within the form. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Who is eligible?

- 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.
- Students from this program will be eligible for ADA, CDA Dentsply and OKU Alumni awards, when available to the Faculty.

Your benefits:

- Hands-on laboratory and/or clinical research experience.
- Participation in first-class science and/or clinical research.
- Chance to win a travel award to a research conference.
- Financial support of at least \$1,200.--/month.

What we expect from you:

- Exceptionally high level of motivation.
- Good marks.
- Commitment for three months (third year students can be appointed for 2 months).
- Presentation of your project in a talk (award competition) and poster (Research Day).

Chances to get funding:

- Typically, 5-10 projects out of 20-30 submissions are funded per year.
- Even if your application does not receive funding, you may make an arrangement with your selected principal investigator outside of the program.

Timeline:

- January 16, 2012:** You will have access to all projects submitted by the supervisors on the web page (www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/facultyresearch/undergrad.html). You are encouraged to contact potential supervisors before that deadline.
- February 17, 2012:** Deadline to submit your application, using the form: "2011_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, you will typically work in the laboratory.
- August 20, 2012:** The results of all summer student projects **must** be presented and **must** be summarized in an IADR abstract format. The presented 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.

- For information and submissions (e-mail only) please contact Leah Raz, l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca.
- Stay tuned, to get updates on the Summer Student Program:
 - Send an e-mail to Leah Raz.
 - *Subject:* "Summer Student Mailer 2012".
 - *Text:* your name, family name, gender, e-mail address.
- If you want to be engaged in research in the Faculty of Dentistry, consider joining the **Student Research Group** (SRG) and contact the SRG president Aileen Zhou (srg.utoronto@gmail.com).