

## **Undergraduate Summer Studentship (updated January 10, 2022)**

**Deadline: February 3, 2022**

**Purpose:** to provide funding to support undergraduate First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students engaging in health and wellness research during the summer months (May - August) in an environment that provides strong mentorship.

### **Funding Details:**

#### **Use of Funds:**

- Student salary support May-August 2022 in the form of a stipend up to \$8000 (\$2000/month). Mentors may top up stipends as needed through their own funds.
- No supervisor or project overhead costs can be deducted from the funds.

**Funds available:** The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$18,000 per fiscal year (April 1 - March 31). Applications are accepted in the Winter semester and reviewed by the SK-IMN Awards & Adjudication committee until the annual amount available is expended. In the event of unused funds, these will be rolled into the next year's pool and/or used for undergraduate travel awards.

### **Eligibility**

- Métis, First Nations, and Inuit students enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, First Nations University, or Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
- Conducting a summer research project related to health, wellness, and community-based research (any discipline and methodology).
- Supervised by a faculty member at the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, or First Nations University who has sufficient funding to support the proposed research.
- OR Supervised by a faculty member in partnership with a community member, community or First Nations, Métis, or Inuit organization who has sufficient funding to support the proposed research.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Completed application form
- Completed SK-IMN registration form (first time applicants only)
- Proof of sufficient funding to support the research project (outside of student salary)
- Proof of Indigenous ancestry. See our [website](#) for what is considered acceptable proof of ancestry.

## Evaluation of Applications

- Applications will be reviewed yearly in the Winter semester by the SK-IMN Awards and Adjudication Committee
- Priority will be given to first time applicants and awardees can receive one award per fiscal year.
- Priority to students who have not received this award previously and/or who have not previously participated in research.
- Priority will be given to Indigenous New Investigators (junior faculty within the first 6 years of their first faculty appointment).
- First Nations, Métis, or Inuit students are eligible to apply for the Undergraduate Summer Studentship, and both Indigenous and non-Indigenous faculty are eligible to apply for funding to support the hiring of an a First Nations, Métis, or Inuit student. As noted above, priority for faculty will be given to Indigenous New Investigators.
- The committee will do their best to ensure as many students have support for summer studentships as possible.

**SK-IMN Accountabilities:** On condition of receiving the stipend, recipients (faculty and students) have to meet specific obligations, including:

- I will actively participate in the SK-IMN's resources and activities
- I (student/mentee) will attend a monthly lunch with all recipients (in-person or online depending on COVID and locations of recipients)
- I (mentor/faculty) will attend opening (May) and closing (August) lunch events
- We will co-present our research via a poster presentation at the Mentorship Network's Annual Gathering (Date TBD, option to pre-record)
- We agree to be featured on the Mentorship Network's website under 'Funding Recipients' i.e. info on research project and/or mentee/mentor experience