

**Terms of Reference
2021 Competition**



Alberta Indigenous Mentorship in Health Innovation (AIM-HI) Network

Undergraduate Summer Student Stipend

The AIM-HI Network Undergraduate Summer Student Stipend will provide funding to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit students engaging in health sciences research during the summer months (May-August) in an environment that provides strong mentorship.

Funding Details:

Use of Funds: Student salary support for a duration of two, three or four months between May and August. No supervisor project or university overhead costs can be deducted from the funds.

Funds Available: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$56,000, enough to fund 8 students at a total of \$1,750 monthly to a maximum of four months per student. Note: A total of TWO four month awards will be provided specifically to students in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Lethbridge.

Eligibility:

- Self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students enrolled full-time in an undergraduate (bachelor's) degree program at any post-secondary academic institution in Canada
- Conducting a summer research project related to health (any discipline and methodology)
- Supervised by a qualified faculty member at a post-secondary academic institution in Alberta who has sufficient funding to support the proposed research
- Students may not concurrently hold Undergraduate Student Summer Stipends from the AIM-HI Network and the Indigenous Primary Health Care and Policy Research (IPH CPR) NEIHR Network.

Application Requirements: Applications are to be submitted online (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/network/aim-hi/student-funding/undergraduate-summer-student-stipend>)

- Specify period of funding request
- Student Biosketch
- Supervisor Biosketch
- Description of Project (completed by the student) – describe the objectives of your project, your proposed methods, and the expected outcomes of the research (maximum of 200 words)
- Description of Student Role/Activities in the research (completed by the student) – describe what role you will have in the project, and how the project will contribute to your skill development and advance your professional goals (maximum of 200 words)
- Description of training environment/resources available to the student, and mentorship plan (completed by the Supervisor) – provide details on the lab activities, resources and how the student will benefit from participation in the research project (maximum of 200 words)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 17:00 (Mountain)

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Evaluation of Applications:

Applications will be reviewed by a panel. The assessment criteria will include:

- Quality of the project description
- Supervisor and training environment
- Anticipated benefit to the student's academic success

Responsibilities and Accountability:

Applicants will be notified by email if their application has been successful or not. Students must accept the award and provide the information required to process the stipend payment within 2 weeks of the notification, or the award will be considered declined.

Within 2 weeks of the start of the studentship, the student and supervisor will provide a detailed workplan for the project to aimhi@ucalgary.ca in order for funding to be released.

The student must attend a minimum of 70% of the Summer Series sessions, and in conjunction with their supervisor present at one of the seminars.

Awardees will be invited to present their project at an AIM-HI event, which may include the Summer Series, the Annual Retreat or a Community Research showcase, as agreed to mutually by the student and the AIM-HI Network Principal Investigators.

Awardees will acknowledge the Alberta Indigenous Mentorship in Health Innovation (AIM-HI) Network in any publications or presentations related to the summer research project.

Students will be invited to participate in the AIM-HI Network evaluation activities.

Policies:

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Students may only apply with ONE supervisor. Each supervisor may sponsor a maximum of TWO students per year.

Students may not hold another award for the same project concurrently. If the student accepts funding from another source (eg Alberta Innovates) they are to notify the AIM-HI Network immediately and the AIM-HI award will be cancelled.

For projects involving humans, animals or biohazardous materials, supervisors are responsible for obtaining research ethics approval and for ensuring that students receive the appropriate training and supervision to comply with the approved protocol.

For more information contact aimhi@ucalgary.ca