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CRA Clinical Summer Studentship Guidelines

Applicants:

There are a maximum of 10 full-time positions available for clinical or clinical & research settings with an emphasis placed on clinical training. Clinical applicants are strongly encouraged to seek opportunities from rural and underserviced community settings. Each student can apply for both the clinical and research studentships but can only accept one studentship if both applications are successful. Each student can only submit a maximum of one application per studentship program (i.e. 1 for research, 1 for clinical). Each mentor can only submit a maximum of one application (or equivalency) per clinical studentship program and a maximum of one application per research studentship program. This is a joint application between the student applicant and a member of the CRA (the mentor), to apply, refer to [clinical application](#).

Remuneration:

The salary per student is a maximum of \$5,880.00 (\$14.00 per hour, 35 hours per week for a maximum of 12 weeks over the summer). All students will sign a contract with the CRA for their summer employment. They will submit their hours biweekly and the pay will be administered by the CRA. Only the hours agreed upon in the contract will be paid.

Eligibility Criteria Includes:

- Only 1 full-time clinical studentship of up to 12 weeks or equivalency (i.e. 3 students x 4 weeks = 12 weeks total) per MENTOR will be awarded (minimum 4 weeks, full-time at 35 hours per week)
- The same mentor can also apply as a research mentor for the CRA Research Summer Studentship (refer to [research application](#) for details)
- Applicant is a Canadian citizen/permanent resident and a medical student currently registered in a medical school
- Mentor is a rheumatologist, member of the CRA, and has accepted to supervise the student through the duration of the mentorship program
- The student cannot be related to the mentor

Note: Medical malpractice insurance is strictly required for ALL summer students. The CRA is not responsible for the cost of obtaining such coverage.



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Evaluation Criteria:

A committee comprised of CRA members will review and select the successful applicants based on the following criteria:

- Candidate's reason to do clinical experience in rheumatology
- Candidate's relevant experience/CV indicates s/he is an ideal candidate for the program
- Mentor's description of clinical experience

Note: Efforts will be made to ensure Summer Studentship awards are regionally dispersed across Canada. Proof of University Medical School enrolment must be supplied.

Publicity:

The ownership of this program belongs to the CRA and is sponsored by the CRA and a sponsor. Additional publicity for this program may include advertising of the studentship, publishing the experiences of the students and/or presenting a plaque to the students (or a subset of them) at the CRA annual dinner (as part of the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting). One or more exceptional students, along with their mentor, may be featured in the Journal of the CRA to highlight this program.

Additional Opportunity:

Mentors can nominate a student to attend the annual CRA meeting based on enthusiasm and interest in rheumatology. The CRA may provide complimentary registration and a travel bursary to the CRA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Note: In order to be considered to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting, applicants must be prepared to present their work at the conference (details regarding this requirement will be provided via the ASM travel bursary nomination, post studentship).

Equal & Inclusive Employment The CRA is committed to the fundamental principles of equal and inclusive opportunities in employment. The CRA is committed to ensuring that the recruitment and selection of all employees is fair, open and transparent; will comply with all relevant legislative requirements and will be free from any bias and/or discrimination. This policy applies to all aspects of employment, including recruitment, hiring, placement, promotion, transfer, compensation, training, education and summer studentship programs.

The CRA reserves the right to cancel this or any program without prior notice.

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