

BC Cancer 2026 Summer Research Studentship GUIDELINES

Summer research studentships, sponsored by the BC Cancer Foundation, will be available to support senior undergraduate university students and/or junior medical or dental students seeking hands-on training in cancer research in BC during the period of May 1 – August 31, 2026. Summer research studentships may address any discipline of cancer research including: clinical, translational, basic, behavioral and population.

These awards may be held at any BC Cancer site of operation in the province, but are restricted to applicants planning to work on a research project that is funded and supervised by a senior health professional that has a full Research or Faculty appointment with BC Cancer.

Eligibility

Only 3rd to 5th year (at time of application) undergraduate university students and 1st and 2nd year (at time of application) medical or dental students, who have not previously received a BC Cancer Summer Research Studentship, are eligible.

Preference will be given to students who are residents of BC or who may be from out of province, but are full-time students at a university in BC.

All undergraduate or medical students already enrolled in a graduate program with a start date on or before the time of tenure of the award are not eligible.

All undergraduate or medical students who have already been awarded a higher degree (e.g., MSc or PhD) are not eligible.

Medical students participating in a clinical rotation are not eligible.

All undergraduate or medical students who secure scholarship or award funding during the tenure of this award are not eligible.

To be eligible as a supervisor, the individual must hold either an active research grant or other form of peer-reviewed research funding and have a full research or faculty appointment with BC Cancer.

Note: research experience and potential are important selection criteria for these awards.

Award Amount and Duration

Studentships are tenable for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks and a maximum of 16 consecutive weeks, beginning no earlier than May 1, 2026 and ending no later than August 31, 2026. The studentships will pay \$375 per week to a maximum of \$6,000. The base amount and duration of the award can be supplemented by the supervisor at their discretion. These awards expect that recipients will be FULL-TIME in their role as summer students and they will not hold other jobs or positions, including enrollment in other courses/undergraduate courses that compete with their research time for the period covered by this research award.

Submission

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm Pacific

Only ONE applicant/application per supervisor may be submitted. Multiple applications submitted under the same supervisor will not be considered.

Email the completed/signed application form and unofficial transcripts from all post-secondary institutions, combined into a single pdf (application, followed by transcripts in the order of most recent to earliest) no later than Friday, February 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm Pacific to: studentship@bccrc.ca

ONE letter of reference from an academic supervisor or professor who is familiar with your academic and/or professional abilities to be emailed by the referee, no later than Friday, February 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm Pacific to: studentship@bccrc.ca. **Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their reference letter is received by the deadline date.**

Incomplete applications or applications, transcripts and reference letters received after the deadline date will not be considered.

The committee requires that a brief written report be submitted within two weeks of the end of the award term, Monday, September 14, 2026, to evaluate the effectiveness of the student's work term and the studentship program. This may be prepared jointly with the awardee's supervisor.

For any questions regarding this competition, please reach out to studentship@bccrc.ca