

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

2019 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology invites summer studentship applications from undergraduate students. The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), administered by the Graduate & Life Sciences Education (GLSE) Office in the Faculty of Medicine, provides UofT and non-UofT undergraduate students with an opportunity to gain valuable research experience during the summer session.

Students accepted into the program will work on a specific research project under the supervision of a faculty member and may meet on a weekly basis for group seminars and discussion at the discretion of their supervisor. All students are required to submit a written final report with a length of at least three double-spaced pages (not including references) and give a 10-15 minute oral presentation of their research to the department in August. Both forms of presentation should address the nature of research conducted by the student including: the scientific background relevant for the research topic, objectives/hypotheses, methodology, results, and discussion and conclusions. The supervisor should provide the student with feedback on the written and oral presentation, and must submit a copy of the final report to the Program Coordinator by **August 30, 2019**.

Students are responsible for contacting the professors of their choice to inquire about research projects and laboratory space. A list of potential supervisors and their research interests is available by accessing the faculty alphabetical list (www.pharmtox.utoronto.ca/faculty). Interested students should contact potential supervisors directly to arrange an appointment to meet. Most professors will ask the student to bring his/her academic record and a resume or curriculum vitae to the initial interview.

Duration:

- Students are expected to engage in full-time research for at least 12 weeks as agreed upon with the supervisor from May to August to be able to qualify for the full stipend of \$4,800 (\$2,000 from the UROP + \$2,800 paid by the sponsoring professor).

Eligibility:

- Students must have a minimum B+ average in the two terms of undergraduate studies immediately preceding award acceptance and must complete a full-time study term directly prior to the award period.
- Students who have completed their undergraduate program are not eligible to apply, unless they have been accepted into an undergraduate professional program.
- Students who have completed an undergraduate degree and have been accepted into a graduate program but have not yet begun are eligible to apply.
- Students must be supervised by a faculty member of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.
- Students may only submit one application to this program and each professor may only sponsor one student regardless of cross-appointments. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the application being denied.
- Preference will be given to students who have an interest in a research career in pharmacology or toxicology and who have taken at least an introductory course in pharmacology or toxicology.
- Research must be in: general medicine / health research in other areas or cancer.

Students participating in this program cannot receive a course credit (e.g., PCL472Y or PCL474Y) for this work. However, students on a co-op work term or PEY placement are eligible if all other criteria are met.

Interested students should:

1. Seek a position with a faculty member of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology who is willing to supervise you and to complete the sponsorship agreement form providing a minimum of \$2,800 for the duration of the studentship program (i.e., minimum 12 weeks).
2. Submit a complete application by **March 18, 2019** including the application form, a resume or curriculum vitae (CV), a list of references, an official academic transcript(s), and the sponsorship agreement form. Only complete applications received by the deadline date from students meeting the eligibility criteria will be reviewed.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

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Application Form

Deadline for application: March 18, 2019

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ / _____ **STUDENT NO:** _____
Last Name First Name

ADDRESS: _____ / _____
Street Number and Name Apt. #

City Province/State Country

TELEPHONE #: (_____) _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

Program/University: _____ **Year of Study:** _____

Pharmacology/Toxicology courses that you have taken (Course Name / Course Code / Course Mark):

Statement of research interest and future goals:

Previous research and/or other relevant experience (attach another page if necessary):

****Please attach a current resume or curriculum vitae (C.V.), a list of references and their contact information (professors or previous employers), an up-to-date official academic**

transcript, and the completed agreement form for supervisors.

SUPERVISOR INFORMATION:

(Must be a Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology Faculty Member)

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: (_____) _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

FUNDING SOURCES:	UROP:	\$ 2,000
	SUPERVISOR (minimum \$2,800):	\$ _____
	TOTAL FUNDING FOR STUDENT:	\$ _____

Contact Name of Laboratory Business/Grants Officer: _____

It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that the student has the appropriate safety / ethics training. List all relevant protocol numbers under which the student will be working:

RESEARCH TOPIC:

SELECT THE AREA OF RESEARCH:

General Medicine / Health Research in other Areas (GM)

Cancer and Cancer related diseases (CA)

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Supervisor

Applications should be submitted to:

Undergraduate Program
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Medical Sciences Building
1 King's College Circle, Room 4207
Toronto, ON M5S 1A8
undergrad.pharmtox@utoronto.ca

Date

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Dear Awards Committee:

RE: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Summer 2019

I agree to sponsor _____ for an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Studentship in my laboratory during the summer of 2019. I understand that I am only allowed to sponsor one student for this program.

I agree to assign a suitable research project, to supervise this student throughout the summer program, and to ensure that the student has the appropriate safety / ethics training. I understand that the student is expected to work for an agreed upon duration of at least 12 weeks during the summer.

I also agree to provide a stipend of at least \$2,800 for this student, if the student has been granted an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Award. The UROP funds administered by the Graduate and Life Sciences Education (GLSE) Office in the Faculty of Medicine will be used to provide the student with an additional \$2,000 for a total stipend of \$4,800.

Sincerely,

Signature of Supervisor