

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

2021 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 presentation of their research in August. Both the report and 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 report and presentation, and must submit a copy of the final report to the Program Coordinator by **August 31, 2021**.

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 their 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 or are currently enrolled in 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 two students. 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 health research in other areas or cancer and cancer related diseases.

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 15, 2021** including the application form, resume or curriculum vitae (CV), list of 2-3 references, official academic transcript(s), and the sponsorship agreement letter. Only complete applications received by the deadline date from students meeting the eligibility criteria will be reviewed.

SUPERVISOR INFORMATION

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

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| First Name: | Last Name: |
| Telephone #: | Email: |
| Name of Laboratory Business/Grants Officer: | Email of Laboratory Business/Grants Officer: |

PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

Area of Research:

Health Research in other Areas (GM) Cancer and Cancer related diseases (Dr. John P. Mitchell Award)

Research Topic:

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:

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

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| Student Signature: _____ | Supervisor Signature: _____ |
| Date: _____ | Date: _____ |

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please attach:

- Current résumé or curriculum vitae (CV)
- List of 2-3 references with their contact information (professors or employers)
- Up-to-date academic transcript
- Completed supervisor agreement letter

Submit applications to:

undergrad.pharmtox@utoronto.ca

Application Deadline:

March 15, 2021

Date

Undergraduate Program
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Medical Sciences Building
1 King's College Circle, Room 4207
Toronto, ON M5S 1A8

Dear Awards Committee:

**RE: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Summer 2021
Supervisor Agreement Letter**

I agree to sponsor _____ for an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Studentship in my laboratory during the summer of 2021. I understand that I am only allowed to sponsor two students 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