

Centre for Blood Research (CBR) & Life Sciences Institute (LSI) Summer Studentship Program Application Form 2026

AWARD AMOUNT

Summer students receive an award of up to **\$9750** for up to **16 weeks** duration, 35 hours per week (May – August, 2026).

PURPOSE

To provide undergraduate students with:

- Research opportunities and exposure to a wide range of biomedical disciplines and technologies.
- Opportunities to develop transferrable skills, including oral presentation skills.
- Networking opportunities and insights into potential career options.

DESCRIPTION & ELIGIBILITY (SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT)

- i. These awards are designated for undergraduate students or medical students supervised by a CBR Principal Investigator (PI), LSI Principal Investigator (PI), Research Associate (RA), or Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF) during the summer period (May to August).
- ii. Projects are **16 weeks in length**. Shorter periods can be accommodated in specific cases (e.g. for medical students). In such cases, the award amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- iii. Acceptable projects include basic science, clinical research, and science education/communication projects. It is expected that awardees will conduct research for **35 hours per week**.
- iv. More than one award may be held per PI, however, we will attempt to distribute awards to as many different labs throughout the CBR and LSI.
- v. Only **one** student may be supervised by a PDF/RA. PDFs/RAs who are directly supervising students must have approval from their PI.
- vi. CBR or LSI will contribute **\$6,000** of the award funding, while PIs must contribute **\$3750** of the award funding. Upon award acceptance, PIs must provide a worktag (*speedchart*) to administrative staff. The award will be disbursed as a monthly payment through CBR or LSI.
- vii. Successful student applicants:
 - a. **MUST** present their work or work-in-progress at the CBR Research Day (**August 2026**, held in-person at the Life Sciences Centre).
 - b. **MUST** participate in **ALL** CBR-organized summer events (see 'Award Conditions').
 - c. **MUST** submit a written summary of their research project, a reflection of their Program experience, and an assessment of the overall program (one page). This report should be sent to the CBR office before **August 21, 2026**.
 - d. **ARE NOT** eligible to hold a CBR Summer Studentship concurrently with any other funding (e.g., NSERC URSA) during the CBR Summer Studentship funding period (May to August).
- viii. It is expected that students and PIs will discuss project expectations, schedules, and timelines prior to submitting an application.
- ix. The funding entity (CBR or LSI) must be acknowledged in publications and presentations of work arising from this award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Completed applications with signed statements by the student must be submitted to CBR Office Manager, Mira Milutinovic, mira.milutinovic@ubc.ca before **March 22, 2026**. Please email the application package as a **single PDF file**.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- i. On a single letter-size page, with font equivalent to or greater than Times New Roman size 11, the PI/RA/PDF should provide a brief description of the project, who will supervise the student, how the student will participate, and what the student is likely to accomplish in terms of knowledge and skills.
- ii. The student's resume (**2 pages maximum**) that includes all contact information must be attached.
- iii. The student, PDF/RA (if applicable), and PI must sign the agreement to participate in CBR summer events.

TIMELINE

Deadline for Application: **March 22, 2026**

Notification of Decision: **late March/early April**

Centre for Blood Research (CBR) & Life Sciences Institute (LSI) Summer Studentship Award Conditions

The CBR/LSI Summer Studentship Program is a terrific opportunity to get hands-on research experience, be exposed to a wide range of biomedical disciplines and technologies, develop transferrable skills, and gain insights into career options. It is also a chance to meet people with varied backgrounds and experiences, at all levels of training.

This award is highly competitive. Those who accept the award are expected to participate in all aspects of the program.

To accept the award, you must agree to the following:

- i. I am currently an undergraduate or medical student registered at a recognized university.
- ii. I will work under the supervision of a CBR Principal Investigator (PI), LSI Principal Investigator (PI), Research Associate (RA), or Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF) over the summer period (May to August). My PI has agreed to contribute up to \$3750 of the award funding.
- iii. I will not hold any other awards during the tenure of the CBR/LSI Summer Studentship Program.
- iv. I will present my research work-in-progress at the CBR Research Day symposium (**August 2026**).
- v. I will participate in **all** program-organized summer events and my PI will ensure that time is available to attend or complete the following (details to follow):
 - Social events
 - Career development events
 - Research skills sessions
 - A 1-page written report that includes a summary of my research project, a reflection of my Program experience, and an assessment of the overall Program. I will submit this to the CBR office before **August 21, 2026**.
 - An end-of-program online survey before **August 21, 2026**.
- vi. If I am unable to attend any event, I will let the CBR Office Manager, Mira Milutinovic, mira.milutinovic@ubc.ca know as soon as possible.

I understand that failure to adhere to this agreement will jeopardize payment of the award.

	Printed Name & Email Address	Signature (Digital signatures acceptable)
Student		
PDF/RA (if applicable)		
Principal Investigator		

Student Start Date: _____

Student End Date: _____

Research project length (in weeks): _____