



Alberta MS Network 2026 Summer Studentship Application Guidelines

Alberta MS Network

The Alberta MS Network was initiated as a research and training centre in 2009 with funding from MS Canada. What began as a training network to enhance the quality of teaching of MS trainees in Alberta rapidly evolved into a network across Alberta that fosters collaboration, research, and educational activities on MS. Today, the network has helped to establish Alberta as a hotspot for cutting edge MS training and research. For more information about the network visit the website: www.albertamsnetwork.ca.

Award Overview

Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program may apply for an Alberta MS Network Summer Studentship to work on multiple sclerosis (MS)-related research (non-clinical or clinical) under the supervision of an Alberta-based researcher. This award is meant to encourage exceptional trainees to work on MS research.

Application Steps

1. Secure a supervisor by contacting professors at an Alberta-based institution whose research is relevant to the field of MS.
2. Compile application information:
 - a. Application Form – complete list of applicant’s achievements and awards, and research experience, additional pages may be attached if needed
 - b. 1-Page Research Proposal. Please use simple font, 12 pt., 0.75 inch margin and do not exceed 1 page.
 - c. Transcripts
 - d. Faculty Sponsor Letter. This letter of support is to come from your proposed supervisor.
 - e. Optional Reference Letter(s). This letter of support is to come from any non-family member who is familiar with your skills (e.g. a professor or an employer).
3. Send your application form and supporting documents to t.lichtenberger@ucalgary.ca.

Value

The award is for \$1,200 per month for a minimum of \$3,600 (3 months) and maximum of \$4,800 (4 months). Note: this must be supplemented by a minimum of an additional \$600 per month from the supervisor’s funds.

Term

A 3 or 4-month period between May 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant must be registered in an undergraduate degree program and must not have previously completed a graduate degree.
2. The proposed research project must be relevant to the field of MS.
3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make all arrangements for the proposed summer research training with an appropriate supervisor and institution prior to applying for the award.
4. The supervisor must be a faculty member of an Alberta-based institution.
5. The supervisor must agree to provide a top-up of \$600 per month minimum.
6. Each supervisor may sponsor multiple applications, but the committee will only award one studentship per supervisor.
7. Applicant must participate in Alberta MS Network educational opportunities and be available to present their research in person on August 21 or 28. (Alternative may be arranged with prior approval from the Network).

Deadline

Completed applications must be received electronically by **5:00 pm MST on March 31, 2026**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

Review of Applications

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Alberta MS Network and ranked based on project relevance and quality of the student.

Notification

Successful and unsuccessful award recipients will be notified in April 2026. The student and supervisor will have one week to return a signed copy of the Award Offer.

Please direct any questions to t.lichtenberger@ucalgary.ca.



Alberta MS Network 2026 Summer Studentship Application Form

Applicant Information	
Name	
Telephone	
Email	
Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
If high school student	School: *Must be accepted/enrolled in an undergraduate program to begin Fall 2025. Please include this information below.
If undergraduate student	Year: Program: University:

Supervisor Information	
Name	
Telephone	
Email	
Mailing Address	
Co-supervisor Name:	*If applicable

Project Information	
Project Title	
Project Location	Choose an item.
Brief <u>lay</u> description (100 words max)	

List of Applicant's Awards & Achievements

Year	Activity

List of Applicant's Research Experience

Year	Activity



Work Term

3 months 4 months

Proposed start date:

Proposed end date:

Funding

Have you applied, or are you applying for any other summer scholarships or studentships? Choose an item.

If yes, please list the awards:

Attachments

Research Plan. *Describe the MS-related research project that you will be conducting. Please use Times New Roman font, 12 pt. and **do not** exceed 1 page.*

Transcripts. *Please provide a copy of the most up-to-date transcripts of your academic record. (Unofficial transcripts accepted)*

Faculty Support Letter. *Letter of support is to come from your proposed supervisor addressing research environment, project role and supports in place for applicant.*

Optional Reference Letter. *Letter of support is to come from any non-family member who is familiar with your skills (e.g. a professor or an employer).*

Signature

Student signature

Date

If awarded, supervisor agrees to provide a top-up of \$600 per month.

Supervisor signature

Date

Submission deadline is March 31, 2026.

Application and questions can be directed to t.lichtenberger@ucalgary.ca.

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