



## Alberta MS Network 2024 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](http://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. Reference Letter. 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). Not your proposed supervisor.
  - e. Faculty Sponsor Letter. This letter of support is to come from your proposed supervisor.
3. Send your application form and supporting documents to [t.lichtenberger@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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, 2024 and August 31, 2024.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant must be registered in an undergraduate degree program.
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.

### Deadline

Completed applications must be received electronically by **5:00 pm MST on February 29, 2024**. 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, 2024. 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](mailto:t.lichtenberger@ucalgary.ca).