



2026 • Summer Studentship • Funding Opportunity



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| Program Overview | <p>To provide clinical research training and experience that complements their education and degree program.</p> <p>At the present time, CIHR funded CAN-TAP-TALENT Awards are exclusively for Black, Indigenous and visible minority student researchers.</p> <p>There will be up to 8 summer student awards in 2026.</p> |
| Award Value | <p>\$6000 CAD for 4 months during the Summer 2026</p> <p>\$3000 CAD for part-time summer hours in 2026</p> |
| Duration | <p>14-16 weeks full time, for consecutive weeks</p> <p>This program in the summer term only, between <i>May 1st and September 1st</i> of each year.</p> <p>Unless otherwise awarded and agreed upon to extend into the fall 2026</p> |
| Tenure at Another Location | <p>The Award holder and their supervisor must both be at the same university or academic institution where the student holds the Award. Award allocations are not transferable from one university to another.</p> <p>Students may apply at any eligible university or academic research centre. Please contact info@cantaptalent.ca if you have any questions.</p> |
| Competition timeline | <p>Submissions accepted between January 14th until February 20th 2026 (EST). A CAN TAP TALENT review committee will review submissions.</p> <p>Results will be announced in March 2026.</p> |

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| Eligibility | <p>Applicants must have completed a minimum of two terms at the time of submission of the application and their GPA must be B- at the time of taking up the award. First year students are not normally in a position to have their GPA confirmed by the start date of (May 1st 2026). While emphasis is placed on students in their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year for candidacy, please contact info@cantaptalent.ca if you have any questions.</p> <p>Master and graduate summer students are eligible. Medical school students are eligible.</p> <p>Black, Indigenous and visible minority student researchers</p> <p>At the present time, CIHR funded CAN-TAP-TAPLENT Awards are exclusively for Black, Indigenous and visible minority student researchers.</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for these awards, you must self-identify as Black, Indigenous or part of a visible minority by checking the relevant box within the application form. Note that this self-identification information will be shared with the institution to which you are applying and, if awarded, publicly.</p> |
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Value and duration of awards

- Awards have a value of \$6,000 CAD, and the host institution is required to supplement the award.
- The duration of the award is 14 to 16 weeks on a full-time basis (or part-time basis is an option for an award of \$3000 CAD)
- The activities conducted during the tenure of the Award are governed by the agreements, including employment agreements (if applicable), you have with the host institution and the relevant terms and conditions of awards.
- CAN TAP TALENT's contribution is paid directly to the host institution Investigator and is included in the funds that you receive.

The CAN TAP TALENT Summer Student Award program makes no provision for sick leave or vacation, or for other types of interruptions. Should an Award be interrupted or terminated early for any reason, the agencies must be informed immediately.

San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment

Learn more about the [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#): To promote support of research excellence in Canada and incorporate the principles of DORA, we follow the developed [Guidelines on the assessment of contributions to research, training and mentoring](#). The guidelines highlight the commitment to excellence in research funding and aim to ensure that a wide range of research results and outcomes are considered and valued as part of the assessment process.

Equity, diversity and inclusion

The three agencies are acting on the evidence that achieving a more equitable, diverse and inclusive Canadian research enterprise is essential to creating the excellent, innovative and impactful research necessary to advance knowledge and understanding, and to respond to local, national and global challenges. This principle informs the commitments described in the [Tri-agency statement on equity, diversity and inclusion \(EDI\)](#) and is aligned with the objectives of the [Tri-agency EDI Action Plan](#).

When preparing the research proposal, a resource to supervisors and students is to consult the [NSERC guide on integrating equity, diversity and inclusion considerations in research](#) web page.

Application procedure

To apply for these awards, you must complete and submit an application using our online system.

Selection process

The selection process of award applications will be carried out by CAN-TAP-TALENT and will be based on the following three selection criteria:

- academic excellence
- clinical research potential
- expected quality of the training and mentorship to be received

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Award, please email info@cantaptalent.ca or Iqra.Salad@uhn.ca

For post-award inquiries, please contact Jasmine.Grant@uhn.ca