



Canadian Rheumatology Association – Roche Summer Studentship

The Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) and Roche Pharmaceuticals (Roche) are offering a research summer studentship for medical students of Canadian citizenship registered in a medical school, to work with a rheumatologist who is a member of the CRA. There is a need for manpower in the field of Canadian rheumatology and we believe this is an excellent way for medical students to become interested in our subspecialty.

This program is designed to introduce medical students to the subspecialty of rheumatology and will be offered for the fourth time during the summer of 2012.

Note: This is a joint application between student applicants and a member of the CRA (the preceptor). Both parties should read all parts. Student applicants should complete pages 4-5.

Applicants:

A maximum of 10 full-time students will be eligible and can do their studentships with a member of the CRA in clinical, basic or translational research. An emphasis will be placed on a project that is feasible to be completed.

Remuneration:

The salary per student is a maximum of \$5,400.00; assuming \$12.00 per hour, 37.5 hours per week for a maximum of 12 weeks over the summer. All students will sign a contract with the CRA for their summer employment. They will submit their hours on a regular basis and the pay will be administered by the CRA. Only the hours agreed on in the contract will be paid.

Eligibility criteria include:

1. Applicant is a Canadian citizen and medical student currently registered in a medical school.
2. Preceptor is a rheumatologist, member of the CRA and has accepted to supervise a student.
3. The student cannot be related to the preceptor.

Review Criteria:

If there are more than 10 eligible applicants, a committee comprised of CRA members together with an appropriate Roche representative (if applicable), will make the final decision. The review criteria include: the student applicant's interest in rheumatology as determined by their application; the applicant's past relevant experience as described in a 1-page curriculum vitae; and the research environment offered by the preceptor.

Advertising:

The ownership of this program belongs to the CRA and is sponsored by Roche Pharmaceuticals. Additional publicity for this program can be carried out by the sponsor (Roche) including advertising of the fellowship, publishing the experiences of the students and/or presenting a plaque to the students (or a subset of them) at the CRA annual dinner (as part of the CRA annual scientific meeting). One or more exceptional students along with their preceptor may be featured in the CRA Journal to highlight the summer training program. Preceptors can nominate a student for an expenses-paid trip to attend the annual CRA meeting based on enthusiasm and interest in rheumatology. The CRA may provide complimentary registration to the CRA national meeting for interested students who have participated in the summer studentship program.

Application Process:

A list of eligible mentors can be found on the CRA website www.rheum.ca under the link for Summer Employment under the title "Students and Residents." Rheumatologists are still joining the list, so please check the list periodically.

Students are to contact the preceptor of their choice to first discuss the program and confirm that the preceptor will accept the student for a summer research studentship.

A member of the CRA can contact interested students to let them know that she/he would act as a preceptor.

Applicant Checklist

1. Application form (page 4) signed by student and preceptor (fax signatures are acceptable).
2. Period (number of weeks up to a maximum of 12) during the summer that applicant will work and whether part-time vs. full-time hours are requested (page 4).
3. Proof of enrollment at a medical school (page 5) (fax signatures are acceptable).
4. 1-page curriculum vitae.
5. Brief description of summer experience (by preceptor – page 6).

Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2012

Send all applications to: CRA-Roche Summer Studentship
c/o Dr. Janet Pope
St. Joseph's Health Care,
268 Grosvenor Street,
London, ON N6A 4V2
Fax: (519) 646-6334
Email: janet.pope@sjhc.london.on.ca



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APPLICATION FORM (Student applicant to complete)

Canadian Rheumatology Association – Roche Summer Studentship

Applicant's Name (First/Surname):

Year of Graduation: _____

Medical School: _____ Current Year: 1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 []

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Signature: _____

Why do you want to do a studentship in rheumatology? (Please confine answer to 100 words or less)

Please include a 1-page CV outlining relevant education and experience with application.

Work Hours Requested if Awarded the Studentship

Please indicate below if you would like to work full-time (37.5 hours per week) or part-time (for part-time please include an estimate of approximate number of hours per week), and the number of weeks (up to a maximum of 12) that you would like to work during the summer period.

Please check: [] Full-time [] Part-time (for (#) _____ hours per week)

Preferred period of work: From ____/____/2012 to ____/____/2012, for a total of ____ weeks.

PROOF OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP AND ENROLLMENT AT A MEDICAL SCHOOL

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(Student applicant to have completed by the appropriate individual)**

I am a Canadian citizen: Choose from drop-down menu

Please note: proof of citizenship may be requested subsequently.

Please have your dean (or a designate acting on his/her behalf) sign this form.

This is to certify that (name of applicant) _____ is a medical student at (name of institution) _____, and is currently in his/her _____ year of medical school.

Name of Dean/Designate _____

Date _____

Signed _____
(Signature of Dean or Designate)

**APPLICATION FORM
(Preceptor to complete)
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Preceptor (Print Name): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The preceptor is to provide:

- A brief description of the proposed research (max. 1 page)
- Feasibility of the project for a student (max ½ page)
- # of peer reviewed articles published in the last 5 years
- # of trainees supervised in research in the last 5 years
- Information pertaining to ethics submission and approval or hospital approval if indicated.

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