

McKenna Centre for Leadership

The Irving Mentorship Program: Student Summer Research Internships – 2016

This program offers StFX students the opportunity to be involved in the creation of new knowledge and creative use of existing knowledge through original research carried out under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Through this program students will see the further development of knowledge as building on the knowledge they have acquired in their courses and will have the opportunity to develop and apply new analytic skills. Perhaps most importantly, through this program, students have the opportunity to participate in the community of researchers that share their interests. Many StFX students have, while still enrolled in Bachelors programs, presented papers at learned conferences, been authors on articles published in international journals, and/or contributed to knowledge mobilization through local, regional, national or international collaborations.

Funding to support student-researchers in summer research internships through the McKenna Centre for Leadership comes from Irving Oil.

To ensure that there are opportunities across the disciplines and faculties of the University, in 2016 there will be a minimum of six Student Summer Research Internships, worth up to \$6000 each, for students enrolled in Bachelors programs at StFX.

The Internships support full time employment as a research assistant for a minimum of 12 weeks during the summer (May-August) period.

Students who wish to apply for a summer internship must identify a faculty mentor from an appropriate area of expertise, who is willing to supervise the student during the internship. Application is made by completing the attached form and submitting it with the required documentation to the Office of the Associate Vice-President Research & Graduate Studies, Nicholson Tower, Room 308. Applications must be received or before the deadline of noon on January 15th, 2016.

Applications will be reviewed and adjudicated by a faculty subcommittee of the Research Advisory Committee and then approved at a meeting of the Research Advisory Committee. Normally, one internship will be made in each of the research clusters identified in the University Strategic Research Plan if possible. If there are insufficient appropriate applications corresponding to one or more research clusters, the internships may be redistributed to other areas at the discretion of the Research Advisory Committee based on the eligibility and review criteria below.

Eligibility

Students in all Bachelor programs are encouraged to apply. To be eligible to apply, students must have been enrolled in full time studies in a Bachelor's degree during the most recent complete academic term (prior to the application deadline) at StFX, and be intending to return to full time studies in the same Bachelor program in the term following the Internship.

Students may not hold both an Irving Mentorship Program: Student Summer Research Internship and another externally funded summer research internship (such as a NSERC USRA or NSHRF Scotia Scholar award).

Allocation of internships will be based on consideration of the following criteria

- a) The academic record of the student
- b) Quality of the proposed research project and expected outcomes
- c) Distribution across the research cluster(s) of the StFX Strategic Research Plan.

Before applying, each student should discuss the proposed research project with his/her supervisor/mentor. Once the application, including the proposed research project description, is completed, the form must be signed by the supervisor/mentor and the Chair of the Academic Department.

In addition to the internships described above, StFX will continue to promote and facilitate application to externally funded summer research internship programs such as the NSERC USRA and the NSHRF Scotia Scholars program.

**Application Form - The Irving Mentorship Program: Student
Summer Research Internship**
Application deadline is January 15, 2016.

1. Student Name:
Student ID:
Program of Study:
2. Supervisor/Mentor:
Department:
3. Attach to this form a description of the Proposed Research Project (Maximum of two pages)
4. Attach to this form comments on the fit of the Proposed Research Project with the University Strategic Research Plan (Maximum one page)
5. Number of weeks of employment for the internship:
Start date:
Pay rate:
Requested amount:
6. Certification - Will this research involve any of the following:
 - Research involving humans yes [] no []
 - Use of animals yes [] no []
 - Use of biohazards yes [] no []
 - Or require other forms of certification (specify: _____)
7. A condition for acceptance of this internship, if awarded, is that the summer research intern will write a summary of his/her research internship experience and the outcomes of the Project and will provide a copy of the Summary to the Office of the Associate Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies. By signing below you agree that this Summary information may be used (in whole or in part) by StFX in its communications materials.

Student's signature: _____

8. Irving Mentorship funding is for student summer research internship salary (and required benefits) only and cannot be used for other expenses.

Supervisor/Mentor Signature: _____

9. Signed (Department/Program Chair) _____

To complete this application, attach an up-to-date copy of your StFX Student Grade Report

10. Once complete, this form should be forwarded to the Office of the Associate Vice-President, Research & Graduate Studies - Nicholson Tower, Room 308