FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Undergraduate Student Research Opportunities

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Undergrad Research Opportunities at a Glance

- Research Scholarships and Awards
  - PURE
  - AIHS
  - Mitacs
  - CIHR

- Research Practicum

- Research Assistantship

- Presenting your Research

- Research Travel
  - Undergraduate Students Union
  - Graham Bell Travel Award
  - Student Activities Fund

- Publishing your Research
Program for Undergraduate Research Experience
- 8, 12, or 16-week full-time research projects
- May – August 2021
- **Value:** $3,000 – $6,000

**Eligibility**
- Full-time UCalgary BSW student, not graduating in June
- Good academic standing (usually GPA of 3.2 or higher)
- UCalgary Faculty Supervisor

**Application deadline:** early February 2021 (TBA)
Applications open early December 2020

**For details,**
https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/students/undergraduate/pure-awards
Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions
Summer Studentship

- Program for undergraduate students to conduct medical or health-oriented research
  - 8, 12, or 16-week research projects
  - May – August 2021
  - **Value:** $1,500 per month

- **Eligibility**
  - Full-time student
  - Good academic standing (GPA of 3.2 or higher)
  - Proposed projects must be in an area of health-related research
  - UCalgary Faculty Supervisor actively engaged in health-oriented research

- **Application deadline:** early February 2021 (TBA)
- Applications open early December 2020
- **For details,** [https://research.ucalgary.ca/students/alberta-innovates-summer-research-studentships](https://research.ucalgary.ca/students/alberta-innovates-summer-research-studentships)
Mitacs Globalink Research Awards

- Senior undergraduate and graduate students to participate in a research project with a foreign university in one of the Mitacs’ partner countries (e.g. Brazil, China, India, Mexico, France, Israel)
  - 12 – 24-week research projects
  - **Value:** up to $6,000

- **Eligibility**
  - Full-time students
  - Good academic standing (a B average or higher)
  - UCalgary Faculty Supervisor eligible to hold Tri-Council funding
  - Faculty Supervisor in one of the Mitacs’ partner countries

- **Application deadline:** ongoing/check webpage below (limited to 200 applications per fiscal year)

- **For details,** [https://www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/mitacsoutgoing](https://www.ucalgary.ca/international/study-abroad/mitacsoutgoing)
CIHR Summer Studentship Award – Institute Community Support

— not offered every year

Undergraduate student to undertake health research projects with established investigators in an environment that provides strong mentorship

Value: $5,000 for four months (may vary)

Application deadline: January 2021 (if applicable)

For details, [https://www.researchnet-rechercherenet.ca](https://www.researchnet-rechercherenet.ca)
Most current opportunities are posted here:

—https://research.ucalgary.ca/students
BSW students can complete a research practicum to fulfill their practicum hours.

A research practicum exposes you to applied research with a faculty mentor and/or community partner. It has all of the usual requirements of a practicum.

If you are interested in a research practicum, discuss this with your professors or with our Field Education officers.

For details, contact
  - Carrie Blaug, Calgary Coordinator of Field Education cblaug@ucalgary.ca
  - Leeann Hilsen, CNAR Coordinator of Field Education lhilsen@ucalgary.ca
  - Serena Visser, SAR Associate Director of Field Education serena.visser@ucalgary.ca
  - Lorraine Letkemann, Director of Field Education lletkema@ucalgary.ca
If you are interested in learning more about research or working as a research assistant:

- Talk to your professors;
- Send your resume/CV to Alyona at abelikov@ucalgary.ca;
- There are occasional postings on https://careers.ucalgary.ca, CareerLink and the listserve for research assistants.
Faculty of Social Work Research Symposium

- Provides an opportunity for FSW faculty, students, and community members to showcase their research
- Annual event (usually March, around Social Work Week)
  - Calgary, Edmonton (CNAR) and Lethbridge (SAR) may have separate events and only share a portion of their event with the other regions;
  - Potentially entirely online in 2021 (TBA)
- For details, contact Dr. Alyona Belikova at abelikov@ucalgary.ca
Undergraduate Research Symposium

- Provides UCalgary undergraduate students with an opportunity to showcase their research
- Annual event (end of November), main campus (Calgary)
  - This year online (apply to present by October 5, 2020)
- Offers cash awards ($500 to $1,000) and poster grants
- You can apply for Students’ Union Travel and Conference Funding (in future years when it is back to face-to-face)
- For details, [https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/academic-research/undergrad-research-symposium/](https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/academic-research/undergrad-research-symposium/)
**Upcoming FSW Conferences**

- **ACSW** (annual)
  - March 2021 (TBA), Calgary
  - March 2022 (TBA), Edmonton
  - For details, [https://www.acsw.ab.ca/](https://www.acsw.ab.ca/)

- **CASWE** (annual, part of [Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences](https://caswe-acfts.ca/home/))
  - For details, [https://caswe-acfts.ca/home/](https://caswe-acfts.ca/home/)

- Due to the pandemic many events have transitioned from in-person to virtual (e.g. Global Social Work Conference)
Available to currently enrolled full and part-time UCalgary undergraduate students;

Up to two Travel and Conference Funds per year (up to $125.00 each);

On a first-come, first-served basis;

For details, https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/funding-awards/travel-conference-funding/
Graeme Bell Travel Award

- Available to currently enrolled full-time UCalgary undergraduate students who have been awarded a PURE award in the same year;
- Covers travel expenses related to presenting student’s research at a conference within 6 months of the application deadline;
- Due Sept. 30, 2020;
- Value: $1,350;
- For details, https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/pure/graeme-bell-travel-award
Promotes student engagement to enhance your leadership, educational, and professional development goals (incl. conference travel);
- Up to $500;
- Application deadlines on the 10th of each month except April and December;
- For details, https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/leadership/leadership-development/student-activities-fund
Publishing your Research

- **Journal of Undergraduate Research in Alberta (JURA)**
  - Specifically targeted at publishing research performed by undergraduates and written up by undergraduates;
  - For details, [www.ucalgary.ca/jura](http://www.ucalgary.ca/jura)

- **Faculty of Social Work Publication Fund**
  - Fosters FSW students’ excellence in research through supporting peer-reviewed publications;
  - Student must be first author, mentored by a Faculty member ($300 five awards per year);
  - Deadlines: April 15 & November 15;
  - For more information contact Dr. Alyona Belikova, [abelikov@ucalgary.ca](mailto:abelikov@ucalgary.ca)
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