



FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Undergraduate Student Research Opportunities

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Fall 2020

- 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>

- 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>

- 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>

- **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-recherchenet.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
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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/>**

- **ACSW** (annual)
 - March 2021 (TBA), Calgary
 - March 2022 (TBA), Edmonton
 - For details, <https://www.acsw.ab.ca/>
- **CASWE** (annual, part of [Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences](#))
 - For details, <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/>

- 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>

- 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

- 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

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