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 2020
- **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 2020 (TBA)
Applications open early December 2019

**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 2020
  • **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 2020 (TBA)
• Applications open early December 2019
• **For details,** [https://research.ucalgary.ca/students/alberta-innovates-summer-research-studentships](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 (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 2020 (if applicable)

For details, https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca
More Opportunities

- 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 and the listserve for research assistants.
Undergraduate Research Symposium

- Provides UCalgary undergraduate students with an opportunity to showcase their research
- Annual event (end of November)
  - November 26-28, 2019 (apply to present by October 11, 2019)
- Offers cash awards ($500 to $1,000) and poster grants
- 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/)

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)
  - No Symposium in 2020, will resume in 2021
- For details, contact Dr. Alyona Belikova at [abelikov@ucalgary.ca](mailto:abelikov@ucalgary.ca)
Upcoming FSW Conferences

- **Global Social Work Conference** (every two years)
  - July 15-18, 2020, Calgary
  - Apply to volunteer: [https://swsd2020.com/volunteer](https://swsd2020.com/volunteer)

- **ACSW** (annual)
  - March 26-28, 2020, Edmonton
  - March 2021 (TBA), Calgary
  - For details, [https://www.acsw.ab.ca/](https://www.acsw.ab.ca/)

- **CASWE** (annual, part of Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences)
  - May 30 – June 5, 2020, London, ON (Western University)
  - For details, [https://caswe-acfts.ca/conference-2020/](https://caswe-acfts.ca/conference-2020/)
Student Union Travel and Conference Fund

- Available to currently enrolled full and part-time UCalgary undergraduate students;
- Up to two Travel and Conference Funds per year (up to $250.00 each);
- On a first-come, first-served basis;
- For details, https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/funding-awards/travel-conference-funding/
Under revision
details and a call for applications will be available in October 2019
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, [http://www.ucalgary.ca/leadership/programs/saf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/leadership/programs/saf)
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)
Contact Information

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- Student Services, MT 310, fswgrad@ucalgary.ca