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| **Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute Studentship Awards**  Application Deadline: **4:00pm AST, January 27, 2025** |
| **APPLICATION INFORMATION** |
| **Undergraduate students interested in cancer research are invited to apply for a Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute Summer Studentship.** These awards are funded by various partners and administered by the Beatrice Hunter  Cancer Research Institute (BHCRI). |
| **Eligibility:** All applicants must be registered, at the time of application, in a full-time undergraduate program at a university in Atlantic Canada and must be planning to return to full-time studies following the tenure of the award. Applicants finishing their undergraduate degree in the spring and planning to register for a graduate program the following September are also eligible to apply. Proposed projects must be relevant to cancer and supervised by an Atlantic University faculty member. Applications from medical students, projects of a commercial nature or projects associated with a commercial interest are not eligible. The supervisor must be a Scientist, Senior Scientist, Associate Member or Honorary Member (qualifying as a Scientist, Senior Scientist, or Associate Member) of the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute (BHCRI). The total number of studentship applications submitted to BHCRI from each supervisor is limited to two. |
| **Awards:** Each award will be worth $5000.00 to cover partial stipend support for 14 weeks. Payment of awards will be administered through the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute (BHCRI) in partnership with the successful candidate’s academic institution. Students may hold other awards in combination with this award, to a maximum of $10,000. Supervisors are required to provide a top-up of at least $2500 to ensure trainees receive funding above their provincial minimum wage. Please review the minimum wage guidelines for your province and calculate the amount accordingly.  The PEJK Real Estate Thyroid Cancer Clinical Research Summer Studentship will include this $2500 top-up amount, making the value of this award $7500. The studentship will start after April 1, 2025, and run for fourteen consecutive weeks. |
| **Responsibilities**: Funded students will be required to provide BHCRI a 5 – 7-page report of their project within 30 days of the project's end. The final report must include the following: a synopsis of the project, a discussion of the project’s relationship to cancer, and project findings/conclusions. This report must be approved (signed) by the supervisor and accompanied by a letter from the supervisor evaluating the student’s performance. Students and supervisors must complete evaluation forms which will address issues related to the program and the performance of individual students/supervisors.  This form will be provided to the student before the project ends and will be due 30 days after completion. If a satisfactory report is not submitted, the supervisor will be ineligible to enter students in next year’s studentship funding competition through BHCRI. Each student should present their project at a peer-reviewed forum, research symposium, or event approved by BHCRI. The student’s supervisor should review abstracts before submission. All abstracts, posters, reports, and oral presentations must acknowledge the funding partner and BHCRI and include the following statement in addition to the BHCRI logo: “This project was funded by a (Insert funding partner name) Studentship Award, administered by the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute.” BHCRI will provide the exact wording in approval letters. |
| **Process for Application:** A single PDF file (unscanned) of the application (please view the checklist) must be received by [input@bhcri.ca](mailto:input@bhcri.ca) by 4pm AST on 27 January2025. Late submissions will not be considered for review. |
| **PROCESS OF AWARDING FUNDS:** Applications will be reviewed by a Scientific Review Committee and ranked numerically. **Please note that reviewers span a broad range of research and applications should be written so they are understood by all reviewers.** The Chair of the Scientific Review Committee will present this ranked list, together with reviewers' comments, to the BHCRI Training Committee for funding consideration. Supervisors can expect to be asked to be members of future Scientific Review Committees. |
| **A single pdf format file (unscanned) of the application (including the supervisor(s) CV) must be emailed by the stated deadline to:** [**admin@bhcri.ca**](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) |

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| **Peer review of applications is suggested prior to submission. If you would like to have your application reviewed,**  **please contact** [**admin@bhcri.ca**](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) **at least two weeks in advance of the application deadline.** |

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| 5743 University Avenue, Suite 98 Halifax, NS, B3H 0A2 [admin@bhcri.ca](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) | bhcri.ca  **BHCRI STUDENTSHIP AWARD**  *Application Deadline:* ***4:00pm AST, January 27, 2025*** | | | | | | | | | |
| **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | |
| **PROJECT TITLE** | | | | | | | | | |
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| **APPLICANT NAME** | | | | | | | | | |
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| **APPLICANT’S CURRENT PROGRAM** | | | | **DATE, MONTH AND YEAR OF PROGRAM START** | | | | | |
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| **APPLICANT SIGNATURE** | | | |
| I hereby agree to abide by BHCRI regulations governing Studentship Awards, as described in the Terms of Reference attached. I consent to having my contact information stored in a database used for disseminating future BHCRI notices. I confirm that I am currently registered in a full-time undergraduate program or residency program. I confirm that I will be returning to school as an undergraduate or graduate student in September 2025. I will notify BHCRI if I receive another award.  *Applicants, please note: By signing this application, you authorize BHCRI to provide a copy of your lay summary and/or scientific abstract and/or application to the funding partners outlined in the approval letter, should your application be successful. In addition, BHCRI will provide the project title, applicant name(s), award amounts, partner organization name(s), if applicable, and lay summary to the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance, of which BHCRI is a member, an alliance of Canada’s major cancer research funders as part of the Canadian Cancer Research Survey (CCRS). For information on the survey, please visit* [*http://www.ccra-acrc.ca/*](http://www.ccra-acrc.ca/)  Signature of Applicant Date  Please email a **single PDF file (unscanned)**, including supervisor(s) CV, to [admin@bhcri.ca](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) by the stated deadline of 4pm AST on 27 January 2025.  I will be submitting the optional self-identification form. The form may be downloaded from the website: [https://bhcri.ca/assets/components/resources/docs/BHCRI Self-Identification Form 2021\_Final Draft.pdf](https://bhcri.ca/assets/components/resources/docs/BHCRI%20Self-Identification%20Form%202021_Final%20Draft.pdf) and sent to [admin@bhcri.ca](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) separately (please do not combine the form with the studentship application). If you have previously submitted a self-ID form, there is no need to re-submit. Please note that the Self-Identification form is confidential and is not seen by the Scientific Review Committee. Only the aggregate information is used by the BHCRI office for statistical purposes.  I will not be submitting a self-identification form | | | |

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| **APPENDIX A – ACADEMIC TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** | | | | | | |
| **TRANSCRIPTS (ONLY ONE COPY OF EACH APPLICABLE TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED.)** | | | | | | |
| Please **SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS RELEVANT TO THIS APPLICATION**.  OFFICIAL COPIES OF EACH APPLICABLE TRANSCRIPT MUST BE **EMAILED DIRECTLY FROM THE INSTITUTION** TO [admin@bhcri.ca](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) OR SCANNED AND EMAILED DIRECTLY FROM THE PROPOSED SUPERVISOR’S INSTITUTIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS TO [admin@bhcri.ca](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) ***PLEASE DO NOT MAIL TRANSCRIPTS TO THE BHCRI OFFICE.***  TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS: UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPTS | | | | | | |
| **UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING** | | | | | | |
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| **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)** | | | | | | |
| Date From | Date To | | Position & Topic | | Supervisor and Institution | |
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| **List Peer-reviewed articles and articles in press or submitted. For articles submitted, include acknowledgment from the editor.** | | | | | | |
| Additional information regarding the significance of the journal or other publication, such as impact factor or ranking of journal in your field is permissible and may be helpful to members of the Scientific Review Committee who work in other areas. | | | | | | |
| **LIST ALL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)** | | | | | | |
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| **LIST ALL RELEVANT DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS RECEIVED, INCLUDING DATES HELD** | | | | | | |
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| **LIST OTHER AWARD APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED, INCLUDING APPLICATION DATE** | | | | | | |
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| **ACADEMIC REFERENCE LETTERS (ONE COPY ONLY OF EACH REFERENCE LETTER REQUIRED)** | | | |
| APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT **TWO ACADEMIC REFERENCE LETTERS ALONG WITH THEIR APPLICATION**.  One reference letter should be from a current supervisor. if there are two (co) supervisors, both may provide references; however, ONE reference from a referee who is not a current supervisor is also required  (IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPOSED SUPERVISOR SERVE AS A REFEREE)  **REFERENCE LETTERS MUST BE EMAILED DIRECTLY FROM REFEREE’S INSTITUTIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS TO** [admin@bhcri.ca](mailto:admin@bhcri.ca) (LETTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM GMAIL, HOTMAIL, ETC.) ***Please do not mail letters to the bhcri office.*** | | | |
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| **APPENDIX B - RESEARCH PROJECT** |
| **RESEARCH PROJECT GUIDELINES** |
| PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT. SEPARATE PAGE, DOUBLE-SPACED, 12 PT. FONT, 1-INCH MARGIN AROUND THE TEXT, **MAXIMUM 500 WORDS (APPROXIMATELY 2 PAGES).**  PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:   1. EXPLAIN HOW YOUR RESEARCH IS LINKED TO CANCER, AND HOW IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR UNDERSTANDING. 2. WHAT IS YOUR SPECIFIC RESEARCH QUESTION? 3. DESCRIBE YOUR GENERAL APPROACH AND THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY TO BE USED IN ADDRESSING YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION. 4. WHAT IS YOUR SPECIFIC ROLE IN THIS WORK (ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING TO A LARGER PROJECT?). 5. WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR THE DIFFERENT STEPS YOU HAVE OUTLINED?   REFERENCES MUST BE INCLUDED BUT DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE PAGE TOTAL.  FIGURES OR TABLES MAY BE ADDED (MAXIMUM 4 FIGURES, ONE FIGURE PER PAGE, MAXIMUM 4 PAGES). THEY DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE PAGE TOTAL.  **ANY MATERIAL IN EXCESS OF THESE LIMITS WILL BE REMOVED AND NOT CONSIDERED.** |

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| **Research Ethics** |
| **Required:**  IN YOUR PROPOSAL, SELECT THOSE YOU ARE PLANNING TO USE: ANIMALS HUMANS HUMAN BLOOD N/A IF YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, A COPY OF THE ETHICS APPROVAL WILL BE REQUIRED BY BHCRI PRIOR TO RELEASE OF FUNDS.  If yes, please provide a summary describing the ethical considerations of the project and why they are needed to complete the research (i.e. animal endpoints, treatments/injections, diet, consent forms, surveys, etc). (Separate Page, Max 125 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 inch margins). |
| **Data Analysis, including statistical methodology** |
| Please provide a description of the Data analysis or statistical methodologies that will be used to analyze data obtained throughout the proposed project (i.e. measuring statistical significance, bioinformatics methods, number of repeated measures necessary, justification for number of animals/humans per group, etc). (Separate page, Max 125 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 inch margins).  IF THIS IS NOT REQUIRED, PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REASON WHY (SEPARATE PAGE, MAX 125 WORDS, DOUBLE-SPACED, 12 PT. FONT, 1 INCH MARGINS). |

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| **APPENDIX C – RELEVANT PAST EXPERIENCE & FUTURE PLANS** | |
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| Describe past experience that is relevant to research (cancer or otherwise) and future plans to continue in the area of cancer research (expected career advancement in terms of your project and chosen supervisor). Please include an explanation for any interruption of study or training (Separate page, Max 250 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 inch margins). | |
|  | **APPENDIX D - GENERAL PUBLIC SUMMARY** | |
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|  | GIVE A GENERAL SUMMARY OF YOUR RESEARCH WRITTEN SO THAT A GRADE 10 STUDENT COULD READ AND UNDERSTAND YOUR WORK. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT MEANT FOR A SCIENTIFIC AUDIENCE. Your summary should:  Have an overview of your project Answer why this research is important. Have a summary/takeaway statement.  BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT AND SUPERVISOR CONSENT TO HAVING THE LAY SUMMARY POSTED ON THE BHCRI SOCIAL MEDIA SITES (WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, TWITTER), USED IN MEDIA RELEASES AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND SHARED WITH APPLICABLE FUNDING PARTNERS. (SEPARATE PAGE, MAX 250 WORDS, DOUBLE-SPACED, 12 PT. FONT, 1 INCH MARGINS).  Guidelines for writing lay summaries can be found on the BHCRI website: <https://bhcri.ca/studentship-awards>  **Please enter your Lay Summary readability score** (The Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level should be 10 or less):  **RECOMMENDATION:** HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS READ YOUR LAY SUMMARY | |

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| **APPENDIX E – SUPERVISOR(S) CV & STATEMENT OF SUPPORT TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR** |
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| **SUPERVISOR(S) CV** |
| Attach Supervisor(s) CV, or CIHR Biosketch (5 page limit). If more than one supervisor, include CV’s for both. Please ensure that the following items are included: a) publications from last 5 years b) record of graduate/post-graduate supervisory experience including any previous studentship trainees (list their cancer-related publications and major cancer-related presentations during that time c) Funding sources.  A copy of the supervisor(s) CV must be sent with the electronic copy of the application).  **Any pages over the 5-page limit will be removed and not considered part of the application package.** |
| **SUPERVISOR(S) STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (NOT A LETTER OF REFERENCE)** |
| Please describe:   1. SOURCE AND DURATION OF OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT, 2. TRAINING ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING FACILITIES AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, 3. APPLICANT'S ROLE IN RESEARCH PROJECT, 4. THE ROLE OF THE SUPERVISOR, CO-SUPERVISOR AND ONSITE SUPERVISOR, IF APPLICABLE, 5. INDICATE SUPERVISOR’S BHCRI MEMBERSHIP STATUS: SENIOR SCIENTIST, SCIENTIST or ASSOCIATE MEMBER   (Separate page, 250 words or less, single-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1 inch margins) |
| **SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE** |
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