



Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute Summer Studentship Award

Application Deadline: February 08, 2026 at 4:00pm AST

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Undergraduate students interested in cancer research are invited to apply for a Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute Summer Studentship. Certain awards, such as The PEJK Real Estate Thyroid Cancer Clinical Research Summer Studentship, are open to first- and second-year medical students.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at a recognized institution in Atlantic Canada at the time of application and plan to return to full-time studies following the award. Students completing their undergraduate degree in the spring and planning to begin a graduate program the following September are also eligible. Proposed projects must be cancer-related and supervised by a faculty member at an Atlantic Canadian university. First- and second-year medical students enrolled at accredited medical schools in Atlantic Canada may apply only for The PEJK Real Estate Thyroid Cancer Clinical Research Summer Studentship, and projects must be supervised by a QEII Health Sciences Centre supervisor. Projects of a commercial nature or associated with a commercial interest are not eligible. Supervisors must be BHCRI members, and each supervisor may submit a maximum of two applications.

Awards: 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 concurrently; however, the research project must be the same, and the combined total of all awards may not exceed \$7,500, unless otherwise specified. Supervisors are required to provide a minimum top-up of \$2,500 to ensure trainees receive funding above their provincial minimum wage, where applicable. This top-up requirement does not apply to studentships with a total value of \$7,500, such as The PEJK Real Estate Thyroid Cancer Clinical Research Summer Studentship. Supervisors should consult their province's minimum wage guidelines when calculating any required top-up.

Responsibilities: Funded students must submit a 5–7-page final report to BHCRI within 30 days of project completion, including a project synopsis, its relevance to cancer, and key findings or conclusions; the report must be approved and signed by the supervisor and accompanied by a supervisor evaluation letter. Students and supervisors are also required to complete program evaluation forms, provided before the project ends and due within 30 days of completion. Failure to submit a satisfactory report will render the supervisor ineligible to apply to future BHCRI studentship competitions. Each student is expected to present their project at a peer-reviewed forum, research symposium, or BHCRI-approved event, with abstracts reviewed by the supervisor prior to submission. All abstracts, posters, reports, and oral presentations must acknowledge BHCRI and the funding partner, include the BHCRI logo, and contain the statement: "This project was funded by a (Insert funding partner name) Studentship Award, administered by the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute," with exact wording provided in approval letters.

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 Research & Training Committee for funding consideration. Supervisors can expect to be asked to be members of future Scientific Review Committees.

Application Process: A single pdf format file of the application (please include the supervisor(s) CV) must be emailed by the February 08, 2026 to admin@bhcri.ca.

Peer review is suggested prior to submission. Please contact admin@bhcri.ca at least 2 weeks in advance of the application deadline to have your application reviewed.

BHCRI 2026 STUDENTSHIP AWARD

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE

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APPLICANT NAME

Surname	Given name(s)

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Street		City		
Province	Country	Postal Code	Email Address	Telephone Number

INSTITUTION ADDRESS

Institution	Department

Full Address

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Street	City	Province	Postal Code

Office/Lab Telephone		

APPLICANT'S CURRENT PROGRAM

DATE, MONTH AND YEAR OF PROGRAM START

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PROPOSED FACULTY SUPERVISOR(S)			
Name	Institution	Email Address	Phone Number
Name	Institution	Email Address	Phone Number

PROPOSED ON-SITE SUPERVISOR, IF APPLICABLE			
Name	Institution	Email Address	Phone Number

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 2026. 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/>

Signature of Applicant

Date

Application Process:

A single PDF file containing the complete application (including the supervisor(s)' CVs) must be emailed to admin@bhcrc.ca by February 8, 2026.

☐ I will be submitting the optional Self-Identification Form. The form may be downloaded from the BHCRI website and submitted separately to admin@bhcrc.ca (please do not include it with the studentship application). Applicants who have previously submitted a Self-Identification Form do not need to re-submit. Please note that this form is confidential and is not shared with the Scientific Review Committee; only aggregate data are used by the BHCRI office for statistical purposes.

☐ I will not be submitting a self-identification form.

APPENDIX A – ACADEMIC TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TRANSCRIPTS (ONLY ONE COPY OF EACH APPLICABLE TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED.)

Official copies of all applicable transcripts must be emailed directly from the issuing institution to admin@bhcri.ca or scanned and emailed from the proposed supervisor's institutional email address to admin@bhcri.ca. Please do not mail transcripts.

TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS: UNDERGRADUATE or MEDICAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

UNDERGRADUATE or MEDICAL SCHOOL TRAINING

Date From	Date To	Degree/Major	Institution

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

Date From	Date To	Position & Topic	Supervisor and Institution

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)

LIST ALL RELEVANT DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS RECEIVED, INCLUDING DATES HELD

LIST OTHER AWARD APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED, INCLUDING APPLICATION DATE

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 (LETTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM GMAIL, HOTMAIL, ETC.) **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL LETTERS TO THE BHCRI OFFICE.**

Referee Name	Institution	Email Address	Phone Number

APPENDIX B - RESEARCH PROJECT

RESEARCH PROJECT GUIDELINES

Provide a description of your research project on a separate page, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, with 1-inch margins, up to 500 words (approximately 2 pages).

Your description should address the following:

Explain how your research is related to cancer and how it will contribute to our understanding.

State your specific research question.

Describe your general approach and proposed methodology for addressing your question.

Explain your specific role in the project (e.g., are you part of a larger project?).

Provide an approximate timeline for the steps you have outlined.

Include references, which do not count toward the page limit. You may also include figures or tables (maximum 4 figures, one per page, up to 4 pages), which also do not count toward the page limit.

Any material beyond these limits will be removed and not considered.

RESEARCH ETHICS

REQUIRED:

IN YOUR PROPOSAL, SELECT THOSE YOU ARE PLANNING TO USE: ☐ ANIMALS ☐ HUMANS ☐ HUMAN BLOOD ☐ N/A

If you answered “Yes” to any ethics-related questions above, you must provide a copy of the ethics approval to BHCRI before funds can be released.

Also, include a separate page (maximum 125 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1-inch margins) summarizing the ethical considerations of your project. Explain why ethics approval is required, for example: animal endpoints, treatments or injections, diet, consent forms, surveys, or other relevant procedures.

DATA ANALYSIS, INCLUDING STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

Please provide a description of the data analysis and/or statistical methods that will be used to analyze data generated by the proposed project (e.g., methods for assessing statistical significance, bioinformatics approaches, number of repeated measures, and justification for the number of animals or human participants per group). This section must be submitted as a separate page and be no more than 125 words, double-spaced, using 12-point font and 1-inch margins.

If data analysis or statistical methods are not required, please provide a brief explanation outlining why this section is not applicable, following the same formatting and length requirements.

APPENDIX C – RELEVANT PAST EXPERIENCE & FUTURE PLANS

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Describe your past experience that is relevant to research (cancer-related or other) and your future plans to continue in cancer research. Include how this project and your chosen supervisor will help your career progress. If you have had any interruptions in your study or training, please explain them.

Use a separate page, maximum 250 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1-inch margins.

APPENDIX D - GENERAL PUBLIC SUMMARY

GENERAL PUBLIC SUMMARY

Write a general summary of your research in plain language so that a grade 10 student can understand it. This summary is not meant for a scientific audience. Your summary should include an overview of your project, explain why your research is important, and provide a clear takeaway or main message.

Formatting: Separate page, maximum 250 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1-inch margins.

By signing the application, the applicant and supervisor agree that the lay summary may be posted on BHCRI social media (website, Facebook, Twitter), used in media releases and communications, and shared with funding partners.

Guidelines for writing lay summaries can be found [here](#).

Readability Score (the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level should be 10 or less):

**APPENDIX E – SUPERVISOR(S) CV & STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR**

SUPERVISOR(S) CV

Attach your supervisor's CV or a CIHR biosketch (maximum 5 pages). If there is more than one supervisor, include CVs for all supervisors.

CV(s) should include: a) Publications from the last 5 years, b) Record of graduate/postgraduate supervisory experience, including previous studentships. For each student, list cancer-related publications and major cancer-related presentations during their training, c) Funding sources.

SUPERVISOR(S) STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (NOT A LETTER OF REFERENCE)

Please describe the following in a separate page (250 words or less, single-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1-inch margins):

- A) The source and duration of operational funding for this project
- B) The training environment, including facilities and any additional personnel who will support the successful completion of the project
- C) The applicant's role in the research project
- D) The roles of the supervisor, co-supervisor, and on-site supervisor (if applicable)

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

Award recipients must submit a 5–7 page report of their project to BHCRI within 30 days of completion. The report must include a synopsis of the project, a discussion of its relevance to cancer, and the project's findings or conclusions. The final report must be approved and signed by the supervisor and accompanied by a letter evaluating the student's performance. Students are also required to complete a program evaluation form, which will be provided before the end of the project term and due 30 days after project completion. Failure to submit a satisfactory report will make the supervisor ineligible to enter students in the next BHCRI studentship competition. Each student should present their project at a peer-reviewed forum, research symposium, or other BHCRI-approved event. Abstracts should be reviewed by the student's supervisor prior to submission.

- ☐ We encourage applications be prepared by the trainee and edited by the supervisor. Please check here to confirm.
- ☐ I confirm that I will provide a minimum of \$2,500 top up. (*Not applicable to The PEJK Real Estate Thyroid Cancer Clinical Research Summer Studentship*)
- ☐ I agree to abide by these guidelines, if approved
- ☐ *By signing this application, I authorize BHCRI to provide a copy of the lay summary and/or scientific abstract and/or application to the funding partners outlined in the approval letter, should the application be successful, and to the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance, an alliance of Canada's major cancer research funders as part of the Canadian Cancer Research Survey (CCRS). The survey gathers cancer research funding data annually from organizations within the governmental and voluntary/charitable sectors. Projects are classified in a variety of ways (research area, cancer site, etc.) and reports are issued for public and member use. The evidence base provided by the survey is used to inform individual and joint planning, and facilitate coordination among the CCRA members. For more information, see <http://www.ccra-acrc.ca/>. I agree that the lay summary can be shared via BHCRI's social media platforms (including website, Facebook, Twitter) and shared with relevant funding partners.*

Signature of Supervisor: _____

Date: _____