

Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) Latin American Student Research Opportunity

CAG Announces New 'Latin American' Summer Studentship Award

As a component of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology's efforts to enhance its global presence/impact, this "Summer Studentship Award" presents an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to conduct Gastrointestinal-related research in a Canadian University or Research Center. The research project can be basic or clinical science, and related to any aspect of gastrointestinal function.

AWARD

- A maximum of one (1) award of \$6,000 will be made annually.
- The student must spend a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in Canada (it is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that all appropriate immigration and tax documentation is put in place).
- It is anticipated that \$6,000 will not cover the entire costs and that any short-fall will be provided by the Canadian supervisor (support from the University in Latin America, if available, may also be sought).
- Funds can be used to cover travel costs, living expenses (salary cannot exceed \$5,000) and research operating costs at the discretion of the CAG member (i.e. supervisor).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The applicant must be registered in a full-time undergraduate degree program or graduate program at a recognized university in Latin America. A letter attesting to this must to be provided by the Departmental Chair.
- The student must be of good academic standing in their home institution.
- The Research supervisor in Canada must be a member of CAG and be in good standing.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- A complete CAG summer studentship application must be submitted to the CAG office. All of the requirements as indicated in the guidelines and forms for the CAG summer studentship must be met (http://www.cag-acg.org/research/summer_studentships.aspx).
- Deadline **January 31st**.

APPLICATION REVIEW

- The applications will be reviewed by the CAG Research Committee. Winners will be notified by March 31. Funding will be provided by May 1.
- Criteria for support: academic and research standing of the applicant, letters of support for the applicant, scientific excellence of the proposal, quality of the proposed supervisor and the research environment, relevance to GI research and potential value to the applicant and their home institution.

Completed applications - **original and four (4) copies** - must be submitted to the CAG National Office at the address below by **January 31**.

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