ATI Summer Student Award Program 2017 (Alberta)

Number of awards in 2017: up to 5 in Alberta

Value of each award: $1,500/month for a period of 3-4 months, from May to August of the year of the award.

Method of payment: The award will be paid as a bursary, as bursaries are not taxed in Canada.

Restrictions: Students who receive an ATI Summer Student Award must not hold a summer award from any other source in the year of the award, but are not restricted from applying for multiple awards (e.g., WCHRI, AIHS, ADI, etc.). The student and/or supervisor are responsible for informing the ATI if another summer student award is received for the project. Students who decline the ATI award because of receiving a different award from another source can re-apply for the ATI Summer Student Award in future years, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Criteria

• Undergraduate students registered in a recognized degree program at the University of Alberta.

• Projects must be related to solid organ or cell transplantation, supervised by an ATI member, and carried out at the University of Alberta. Supervisors must have all necessary ethics approvals in place by the time the project begins.

Other Terms and Conditions

• Official competition results will be emailed to the applicant and supervisor. An Award Acceptance letter will have to be returned to the ATI by the date specified on the award letter, or the award will be deemed to have been declined.

• The research proposed in the ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award proposal must be undertaken during the time period stipulated in the application form and the award letter. Awards will be withdrawn if they are not implemented during this time frame.

• The ATI reserves the right to terminate an award if the terms and conditions are not met, or if there is unsatisfactory progress.

• University of Alberta students who receive an ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award are expected to present in the Faculty of Medicine Research Day, held in the fall.

• The supervisor must submit a brief final report to the ATI within six weeks of the end of the award period (either completion of the project or termination).

• Funding support must be acknowledged in any presentations or publications of the supported research “This research has been funded by the Alberta Transplant Institute”.
• Award recipients are asked to notify the ATI if their research will be presented at a conference or published.
• Hours of work and vacation entitlement will be in compliance with University of Alberta policies.

How to Apply at the University of Alberta

1. Students applying for the 2017 ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award will apply for the AIHS Summer Studentship Program (deadline Feb. 6, 2017), with a transplantation related research proposal that falls within the scope for AIHS. AIHS will review all applications following their established adjudication criteria, and will share the adjudication results for students applying for the ATI award with the leadership team at the ATI.

2. In addition to submitting their AIHS application through the UofA Undergraduate Research Initiative, students who wish to be considered for the ATI Summer Student Award must also send an email to Dr. Karen Hunter (Karen.hunter@ualberta.ca), including the following information:

   Subject line: ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award Application – firstname lastname

   Name and student ID number

   Supervisor

   Project Title

   Email address and phone number

   And:

   1. Indicate you are applying for the 2017 ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award; AND

   2. Give permission for the ATI leadership to receive the adjudication and evaluation results from your AIHS Summer Studentship Program application, for the purpose of identifying ATI Undergraduate Summer Student Award recipients.

For example,

“I am applying for the 2017 ATI Summer Student Award. I hereby give permission for my AIHS application and all evaluations/assessments of my AIHS application to be shared with the Alberta Transplant Institute”.

Application emails that do not include a consent statement for your AIHS application evaluation results to be shared with the ATI will be deemed incomplete, and will not be considered for the award.