



Diabetes, Obesity  
& Nutrition Strategic  
Clinical Network™

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**Call for Application**

**Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition Strategic Clinical Network™  
Undergraduate 2018 Studentship Competition**

## **Purpose**

The Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition Strategic Clinical Network™ (DON SCN) 2018 Undergraduate Summer Studentship program is designed to provide funding support to undergraduate students to participate in research and develop research skills related to glycemic management in hospital, bariatric care in hospital, and/or to the Diabetic Foot Care Clinical Pathway, which are initiatives currently being led by the DON SCN. (These initiatives are found on our website:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/scns/Page7676.aspx>).

The Scientific Office of the DON SCN has created one Studentship Award which will provide funding in the amount of \$1,500 /month for a maximum of 4 months (\$6,000) and the award is non-renewable.

The student will be supervised by the Assistant Scientific Director of the DON SCN. This competition aims to meet the DON SCN Research and Innovation objectives of: a) fostering the development of researchers through the training and mentorship of students, and b) collaborating on research related to the priority areas of the DON SCN.

## **Eligibility**

When considering the application, the review process will consider the following criteria:

- Studentship applicants must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in an undergraduate program at an approved post-secondary academic institution;
- Holders of other full-time, major studentship awards (e.g. CIHR, NSERC, AIHS, etc.) are ineligible for Studentship awards;
- Students must be enrolled in a health-related program.

## **Reporting**

A final progress report will be submitted at the end of the award period. The final report will provide a summary of the research activities accomplished during the training period.

## **Knowledge Dissemination**

Synopses of the research studies conducted by the award recipients will be shared with the SCN Core Committee and published both in SCN newsletters and the SCN website.

## Evaluation of the Applications

Review panel members will independently review each application and score them according to the following assessment criteria using a 5-point scale.

1. Student academic record
2. Research experience
3. Alignment of the project with students' future plans
4. Letters of Reference

## Application Process

For Submission:

- i) Official transcript(s)
- ii) Two letters of reference (academic)
- iii) Paragraph on how the research studentship at the DON SCN aligns with future career plans (200 words)
- iv) Curriculum vitae

Complete applications should be submitted in ONE PDF file to Dr. Naomi Popeski [naomi.popeski@ahs.ca](mailto:naomi.popeski@ahs.ca), Assistant Scientific Director of DON SCN no later than February 9, 2018 at 4:00pm. Letters of reference should be emailed separately and directly from the referee to Naomi Popeski. Letters must be written on institutional letterhead and attached as a PDF file to the email, not written in the body of the email.

An application form can be found at the DON SCN website:

If you have any questions regarding the Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition Strategic Clinical Network Undergraduate 2018 Studentship Competition; please contact: Naomi Popeski; Assistant Scientific Director (email address: [naomi.popeski@ahs.ca](mailto:naomi.popeski@ahs.ca))

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Undergraduate Summer Studentship Research Training Awards Checklist:**

- 1. Applicant CV
- 2. Official transcripts (all years of Undergraduate Study)
- 3. Two letters of reference
- 4. Describe how working on a research project within the DON SCN would complement your long-term career plans (200 words or less)

**Submission Information**

Completed applications must be sent electronically in PDF format to: [naomi.popeski@ahs.ca](mailto:naomi.popeski@ahs.ca)  
no later than **2018-02-09** at 4:00pm MST

Successful applicants will be notified no later than by. 2018-03-23

For more information contact: Naomi Popeski;  
[naomi.popeski@ahs.ca](mailto:naomi.popeski@ahs.ca)

**Signatures**

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Student Applicant

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Date

**For Internal Use Only**

Date Received:

Application Complete:  
Yes    No

Notes:

Please carefully read all instructions and include all necessary documents.  
Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the materials have been successfully submitted.