Acadia Honours Summer Research Awards (HSRA) – 2022

Acadia’s HSRA funding program is intended to enable senior undergraduate students to engage in research for their Honours thesis during the summer months (prior to the final academic year).

In support of Acadia’s commitment to advance equity, diversity and inclusion, a number of the HSRA awards will be allocated to under-represented or under-served groups, including but not limited to Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and other equity-deserving groups. All applicants will be contacted soon after the application submission due date with a link to a form to voluntarily and confidentially self-ID. Acadia is also committed to equity in the distribution of awards among the three Faculties.

Acadia HSRA funding (up to $5256 per awardee) provides both salary and related costs support for 10 weeks at 35 hours per week. The funding is considered full-time employment income and is taxable. It covers both student salary (minimum wage plus 4% vacation pay) and mandatory employment-related costs of 8.5% (EI, CPP, WC). Effective April 1, 2022, $13.35/hr is the anticipated minimum wage in Nova Scotia. Awards for less than 10 weeks will be prorated.

At the time of application, eligible applicants must:

• Have completed two or three years of full-time university study;
• Be registered in an Honours program at Acadia with graduation planned for 2023 or planning to undertake Honours summer research and related courses following Spring 2022 graduation from their current program of studies at Acadia (e.g., second degree or Honours conversion); and
• Have a competitive CGPA. RGS staff will access student CGPA data on Colleague.

How to Apply
The 2022 HSRA application form is available from the Research and Graduate Studies website: https://www2.acadiau.ca/research/undergraduate.html

Students should note the deadline date as the form requires an endorsement by your research Supervisor or a Professor familiar with your work and abilities. The application must be completed as a Word .doc using the form provided. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Submission of HSRA Application
The student’s supervisor must submit the completed HSRA application to Research & Graduate Studies (researchoffice@acadiau.ca) by Friday, 11 March, 2022. Late or incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the adjudication committee.

Notice of awards will be communicated to applicants by early April.