

Niagara Health Knowledge Institute/Niagara College Summer Student Research Scholarship

Description:

The purpose of the Niagara Health Knowledge Institute (NHKI) is to improve patient care and experience by embedding research into clinical practice. The vision is to transform health care through leading community hospital-based research in Canada. Our values are equity, collaboration, continuous learning, innovation and empowerment.

Niagara Health (NH) places great value on teaching, learning, research, innovation and partnerships. As such, NH provides opportunities for learners to participate in scientific exchange, collaboration and learning in a research environment. To facilitate early engagement of future research team members in Niagara, the NHKI has partnered with Niagara College to establish the **Niagara Health Knowledge Institute/Niagara College Summer Student Research Scholarship**. This award funds Niagara College students to participate in a research focused placement with the NHKI between May and August. The goal is to support the retention of high-potential students within the Niagara Region, contributing to the overall growth of the NHKI and providing students with valuable research skills, exposure to a research environment and new networks within a community hospital research setting.

Award Value:

Approximately \$10,000. *(Students will be paid at an hourly rate of \$17.60 per hour plus vacation in lieu, less all applicable deductions, in accordance with NH's payroll practices and as required by law)*

Eligibility:

- Currently enrolled in a health-related program at Niagara College
- In good academic standing

Application Process:

- Individuals must apply directly using our [electronic submission form](#)
- All applications must be received by February 7, 2026 to be considered

Required Documents:

The following items will need to be uploaded using the electronic submission form:

- CV/resume
- Statement of interest that outlines:
 - Reasons for applying to the scholarship program with a focus on why they want to do research at NHKI
 - Career goals
- Copy of Niagara College transcripts (official or unofficial)
- Contact information of one character reference (name, email address, relationship to applicant)

Criteria:

The committee reviewing the applicants will consider the following criteria when determining the recipient:

- Research potential and interest in the NHKI research portfolio
- Contributions to community
- Academic standing
- Character reference (for short-listed candidates)

The short-listed applicants will have their character reference contacted and will be invited to participate in a virtual interview.

Program Details:

The student will work full-time (37.5 hours per week) alongside an NHKI researcher from May 4, 2026, to August 7, 2026, to contribute to an existing research project. Required research training as outlined in the Niagara Health Researcher Training Policy and Procedure must be completed prior to beginning the placement. Following completion of required research training, the student may perform the following activities:

- Data entry;
- Data collection (e.g. through phone calls to participants);
- Data validation;
- Data analysis;
- Abstract writing;
- Presenting the study in an oral or poster format;
- Other activities commensurate with skills and knowledge.

Appendix A: Niagara Health Knowledge Institute/Niagara College Summer Student Research Scholarship Scoring Criteria

Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

1. **Research Potential and Interest in the NHKI Research Portfolio**
 - **Consider the following when reviewing the applicant's statement of interest, CV, academic transcripts:**
 - Degree to which applicant clearly articulates an interest in research at NHKI with strong rationale underpinning the statement
 - Degree to which applicant has sought research experiences
 - Alignment of completed coursework with foundational knowledge for research development (e.g. research methods, data analysis, computer skills)
2. **Contributions to the Community**
 - **Consider the following when reviewing CV and statement of interest:**
 - Volunteer activities (duration, quantity, and/or diversity of experiences)
3. **Academic Excellence:**
 - **Consider the following when reviewing academic transcripts:**
 - Completion of core coursework in good academic standing (i.e. >80%)
4. **Character Reference (for short-listed candidates)**
 - **Consider the following when reviewing character reference:**
 - Positive description of personal attributes
 - Meaningful and positive assessment of skills that would contribute to high research potential