

General Policies and Conditions for Heritage Youth Researcher Summer (HYRS) Awards

This document provides a detailed description of the general policies and conditions that apply to Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions (AIHS) HYRS awards.

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1.0 Award Structure

1.1 Term of Award

1.1.1 Heritage Youth Researcher Summer Program (HYRS)

This six-week program for Grade 11 students runs annually during July and August.

1.2 Components of Award

HYRS consists of a stipend and when required, a housing bursary.

Stipend Value

1.2.1 HYRS

An award valued at approximately \$2,000 is provided for this six week program. Alberta students outside Calgary and Edmonton may also apply for a limited number of student housing bursaries based on financial need. All students will be responsible for meals, travel, and entertainment costs.



1.2.2 Healthcare Benefits

Trainees in Alberta and other provinces:

AIHS does not provide additional funds for health-care benefits. The payment of such benefits is the responsibility of the awardee.

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2.0 Eligibility

2.1 HYRS

HYRS offers research experience to exceptional Grade 11 students who are residents of Alberta, and who have at least an 85% standing in Grade 11 math and sciences. Applicants must demonstrate a willingness to commit to a continuous six-week period in the summer. Successful applicants are required to give a presentation about their HYRS experiences to their high school science class.

3.0 Location of Training

3.1 HYRS

The HYRS program runs annually at the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and the University of Lethbridge.

4.0 Supervisor

All trainees are required to complete their training under the faculty advisor who sponsors their application, and to adhere to the research project outlined in the application.

4.1 HYRS

Students work on health research projects in a variety of laboratories or research environments of selected faculty at the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, and the University of Lethbridge.

5.0 Research Project

5.1

The research project should not be substantially altered from that proposed in the original application. If significant changes should become necessary, the trainee must obtain prior written approval from AIHS. The supervisor must agree with the proposed changes and the original aims and conditions of the award must be satisfied.

5.2

AIHS reserves the right to terminate support if changes to the proposed research project are not approved.

6.0 Application Process

The original application must be submitted on up-to-date application forms.

The downloadable forms are the only forms that will be accepted by AIHS. Please read the instructions carefully before filling out the form.

6.1 HYRS

HYRS Application Deadline is available on our website at www.aihealthsolutions.ca

7.0 Peer Review Process

All applications undergo a rigorous review process completed by committees made up of Alberta-based researchers. HYRS applications are reviewed by the HYRS Adjudication Committee.

8.0 Release of Competition Results

Awards are approved by the President and CEO of AIHS. The results are posted on the AIHS website according to the timelines outlined below. Results are not released over the phone.

8.1 HYRS

Results of the HYRS competition are usually available on the AIHS website in early June. Candidates will be informed by official letters regarding the outcome of their submission shortly thereafter.

9.0 Time Commitment Expectations

9.1. Vacation

Vacation entitlements are in accordance with the policies of the host institution and must be taken during the term of the award.

10.0 Communications

10.1

All publications, including public messages, arising from research supported by AIHS grants or awards must acknowledge the support of AIHS. Please go to <http://www.aihealthsolutions.ca/logo/> for downloadable logos.

10.2

Awardees are asked to inform the AIHS communications staff in advance if their research will be published in a major journal such that it might result in a press release from the university and/or the journal.

10.3

AIHS reserves the right to publish and/or disseminate information regarding its grants and awards.

11.0 Termination of Award

AIHS reserves the right to terminate any award if the conditions of the award are not met, or if there is evidence of unsatisfactory progress.

The trainee and/or supervisor must immediately notify AIHS of any changes to the training status that could affect the candidate's eligibility for an award. This includes termination of enrolment or of employment, completion of the requirements for the degree for students, or leave of absence.

12.0 Support of Research Integrity

12.1

AIHS supports Alberta research institutions in their efforts to promote and ensure the highest standards of research and scholarship practice and behavior.

12.2

It is incumbent upon each applicant to adhere to all research policies and procedures in place at his/her institution, including those regarding integrity in research and scholarship.

12.3

AIHS reserves the right to confirm, through independent means, representations of authorship, credentials or research support.

12.4

In the event of material deviations in the submitted information, including citation sources (in the case of authorship), issuing organization(s) (in the case of credentials), or granting agencies (in the case of research support), AIHS reserves the right to disqualify any applicant from the competition in question. Further AIHS actions may include disqualifying the applicant from future AIHS competitions for a time period to be set at AIHS's sole discretion, withdrawal of any remaining installments of support for any existing AIHS grant or award for which misrepresentation appears in the submission, and seeking partial or full repayment of any past financial support under any AIHS grant or award for which misrepresentation appears in the submission.

13.0 Contact Information:

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to speak with someone at AIHS, please contact our Programs department at 780-423-5727 or grants.health@albertainnovates.ca

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