

## Okanagan College Internal Research Fund

### Student Research Assistant Program

#### Purpose:

The Student Research Assistant (SRA) program supports the creation of research experiences for current Okanagan College students by providing funding for Okanagan College employees to hire and mentor student research assistants as part of an active research project.

Value: Maximum 100 hours per intake. Two intakes per year: Spring (2/3 of funding allocated) and Fall (1/3 of funding allocated). Researchers can submit applications for both intakes, but recipients of spring funding will be given lower priority in the fall competition.

#### Scope:

Eligible expenses must directly support the employment and mentorship of SRAs as part of an approved research project. The only eligible expenses for this funding are the salary and benefit costs associated with hiring a student research assistant.

#### Eligibility and Funding Terms:

1. This funding opportunity is open to all OC employees leading an active research project.
2. Student Research Assistants must be current OC students or OC graduates within 6 months of hire if previously employed on the same project. Students must be legally eligible to work in Canada.
3. Students must be hired within 30 days of the start date indicated in the application.
4. Students can work a maximum of 20 hrs/week during academic semesters and 25 hrs/week during the summer. Students cannot work on statutory holidays.
5. Research requiring ethics approval must receive **REB approval before work begins**
6. Students must complete mandatory research training, regardless of project scope:
  - a. [TCPS2: Research Ethics](#)
  - b. [GBA+ \(Gender-Based Analysis Plus\)](#)
  - c. 5 additional hours of supervisor-assigned relevant research training, to be identified in the application
7. Supervisors must submit their final report (**link**) **within 3 months** of their RA project finishing.
8. All SRA hours must be submitted by **March 31, 2027**
9. Adjudication

This funding opportunity aims to support as many projects as possible. If more applications are received than funding is available, all eligible applications will be selected by lottery. For the Spring 2026 intake, priority may be given to applicants from the Penticton, Salmon Arm, and Vernon campuses, and to applicants who hold external funding. Applicants from prior years who did not use their allocated funding will be considered secondary priorities, contingent on available funding.

#### How to Apply

Applications are available on the [Applied Research webpage](#) under *Internal Funding Opportunities*. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility starting June 5, and will close June 19, or as soon as 2/3 of the funding has been awarded, whichever comes first.