

New Application Process for CHAIRS Summer Research Program

NEW to 2025 –

The Chair's Summer Research Program applications will be due before the CREMS applications for 2024-25. The CREMS application process is one of the last research opportunities for UofT medical students. In order to attract more medical students to research in OBGYN, the CHAIRS Summer Student application process will start earlier this academic year. It also gives faculty an opportunity to have two summer students on two different projects. Please note that the student **stipend has increased to \$6000**.

CHAIRS Call for applications – mid November, 2024

Deadline for CHAIRS applications – **December 20, 2024**

CHAIRS application adjudication – week of January 20, 2025

CREMS call for applications – January 2025, date TBA

CREMS applications due – February 2025, date TBA

CREMS award announcements – April 2025, date TBA

Terms of Reference:

- 1) Faculty with a primary clinical appointment to OBGYN may apply for the CHAIRS summer research program. The CHAIRS award will contribute \$3000 towards the \$6000 summer student stipend. The PI will be responsible for the balance of \$3000.
- 2) Faculty are encouraged to also apply to the CREMS award. This must be a different and unrelated project from the one submitted to the CHAIRS summer research program.
- 3) If awarded a CREMS award, CREMS will contribute \$2750 towards the \$6000 summer student stipend. The Department of OBGYN will contribute the balance of \$3250, **if** the PI is not awarded a CHAIRS Summer Student award. If the PI is awarded both CHAIRS and CREMS awards, the PI will be responsible for the balance of the CREMS summer stipend (\$3250).
- 4) The Department will contribute funding towards one award only (priority will be funding for the CHAIRS first, then CREMS).
- 5) CHAIRS only awarded – ie cost to PI is \$3000 for one student
CREMS only awarded – ie cost to PI is zero for one student
CHAIRS and CREMS awarded – ie cost to PI is \$3000 (CHAIRS) for one student and \$3250 (CREMS) for second student

- 6) A CHAIRS awardee must decline the award if they intend to submit the same project for a CREMS award. The CHAIRS awardee must decline formally by informing the research coordinator (Jumai Alaka) as soon as the results of the CREMS adjudication is announced.

The link for the CHAIRS Summer Research Program application: <https://obgyn-uoft.forms-db.com/view.php?id=166840>

Please direct any questions regarding the CHAIRS Summer Research Program to Jumai Alaka (jumai.alaka@utoronto.ca)