

## Secondary School Health Research Bursary Awards Guidelines

### Program Description

The Health Sciences Research Bursary Awards are available to senior high school students (grades 11 and 12) who are interested in pursuing or have been accepted into a health or life sciences program with a recognized university or college. Applicants must provide letters of nominations from their academic reference as part of the bursary application. A maximum of 15 bursaries for 2024 shall be granted in the amount of \$1,500 per bursary. Work placements will take place in Hamilton from July 2nd to August 16th, 2024, on a hybrid model, at the discretion of each placement mentor.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be a senior high school student (in grades 11 or 12) **and** nominated by their Science Department Head or Science teacher.
2. Grade 11 applicants must have intentions of pursuing science related studies and Grade 12 applicants must be accepted into a health or life sciences program with a recognized university or college and provide a copy of the offer letter.
3. Successful applicants will be required to be on-site, and therefore are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
4. Successful applicants are expected to complete the full 7-week internship, with no exceptions, and must sign and comply with the Participation Agreement.
5. A fully complete application package must be received electronically via email ([bursary@hhsc.ca](mailto:bursary@hhsc.ca)), by 4:00p.m. on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Application Submission Requirements

*Only electronic applications will be accepted and must be provided in a PDF format.* A complete application package consists of the following:

- Completed application form
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccine (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine)
- Personal essay as outlined on page 2 of application form
- Current and official '**Ontario Student Transcript**' of your academic record
- Resume/ CV
- A nomination letter from your science department head or science teacher
- An offer letter from a recognized university or college (for grade 12 students only)

Completed application packages are to be submitted electronically and received *no later than 4:00p.m. on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.* Due to the competitive nature of this program, no extensions or exceptions will be made and the review panel will not consider any incomplete packages.

Upon submission, each applicant should receive an automated response from the Bursary email, confirming receipt of his or her package. If you do not receive an automated response, please contact Donna Catherwood at [catherwood@hhsc.ca](mailto:catherwood@hhsc.ca).

Following a peer-reviewed panel to evaluate and select successful applicants, students will be matched with researchers for a placement term, and will be awarded a \$1,500 bursary award upon completion. Successful candidates will be notified by May 3, 2024.

### Evaluation

**Bursary applications are weighted out of a score of 10.** All components of the application are considered in the evaluation and rating process, as broken down below:

1. Academic Achievements
2. Extra-curricular Achievements
3. Nomination Letter
4. Written Essay/Career Aspirations

maximum of 2 points may be awarded  
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maximum of 4 points may be awarded

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