

Cancer Research Vacation Studentships 2018-2019

Guide to Applicants

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 21 September 2018

Cancer Council Victoria is an independent volunteer based charity which was established in 1936. Our mission is to lead the fight against cancer. Our core business is cancer control. We conduct and support research as well as delivering state-wide support and prevention programs and advocating regulation and other interventions to reduce the physical and emotional burden of cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria is offering a number of Cancer Research Vacation Studentships with the object of stimulating interest in cancer research in Victoria.

The studentships will be available as follows:

1. Who can apply?

Undergraduate students enrolled in relevant disciplines at any Victorian University. Students are not eligible after completing their final year, except for 3rd year science students who are proceeding to the fourth year of an honours degree. Overseas students are eligible to apply, but need to have a student visa that allows limited work to be undertaken.

2. How long does the studentship last and when is it for?

The period of tenure is up to a maximum of six weeks during the summer vacation.

3. How much will be paid?

Studentship holders will receive an honorarium of \$300 per week. A class ruling has been obtained in relation to the income tax status of the Studentships. Provided various conditions are met, our studentships are exempt from income tax. The Australian Taxation Office class ruling is No. CR 2002/4 effective from 1 December 2001. It is available in full on the Australian Taxation Office website <https://www.ato.gov.au/>

4. What are the criteria for selection?

Applications are judged on the applicant's academic record and value of the research project.

5. How many studentships will be offered?

Approximately 16 studentships are available. No more than two studentships will be funded in any one laboratory or unit. Applicants cannot apply for a student placement in a laboratory or unit where they have previously held a studentship.

6. Where do I find a placement?

The studentship project needs to be part of a cancer research program being conducted at a university, clinical or other research organisation. You need to contact a cancer researcher and ask if they have a project available for you to work on that they would be

willing to supervise. A list of biomedical researchers currently funded by Cancer Council Victoria and the projects that they are working on, along with information on other research we fund (clinical, behavioural, etc) is available on our webpage http://www.cancervic.org.au/research/biomedical/grants-in-aid_recipients.

Clinical and allied health research placements are also encouraged. Your University Department or Faculty Office, or the Office for Research, may have suggestions of organisations where cancer research is currently being carried out.

The application form provides for both a description of the work to be done and a written acceptance by the supervisor. Before completing the description of the work proposed to be undertaken, you should consult with the person who will supervise the work.

7. How do I apply?

Instructions on Completing the Application Form, an application form and a certification page are all available at http://www.cancervic.org.au/research/biomedical/research_sum_vacation_studentships.

Please read the instructions before starting. Read the form carefully and complete all sections. Name the completed document – [Surname][First name Initial]-STUApp (eg. SmithJ-STUApp).

Upon reading your completed application form, your supervisor and RAO should affix their signatures in the certification page provided. Name the completed document – [Surname][First name Initial]-Certify (eg. SmithA-Certify).

Please email the completed and signed application form and certification page to rgu@cancervic.org.au. For queries, phone Rebecca Peart on 9514 6330.

A copy of your full university results together with the explanation of results should be included. If you have not yet received this semester/year's results, please provide your most recent ones.

In any one round, applicants may submit one application for consideration only.

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Late or incomplete applications will not be considered

Applicants will be notified by email early November of the success of their application.

8. What else is required?

Successful applicants are required to write a short report after their placement covering the work carried out and the benefits and experience gained from the studentship.