

Hannah Studentship 2020

Four three-month studentships in the amount of \$5,500 are available to undergraduate and MA students registered in a Canadian university for a closely supervised project in the history of medicine. The funds are provided by AMS Healthcare. The studentship is being administered in partnership with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM) which is responsible for adjudicating the applications. The research must be in the area of the impact of technology on the practice of medicine and the delivery of healthcare services. This research focus reflects AMS' current strategic priority "Compassionate Care in a Technological World" which focuses on:

1. Promoting the education and practice of compassionate care;
2. Fostering new delivery models of compassionate care;
3. Facilitating the leadership needed to realize the promise of technology, while safeguarding humanistic care in our rapidly evolving healthcare system.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by 10 November 2019.

Partner: Canadian Society for the History of Medicine. Downloadable forms available [online](#).

Purpose

The Hannah Summer Studentship offers undergraduate and MA students an opportunity to study and learn the techniques of historical research and to encourage future serious study of medical history. The studentship is being administered in partnership with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM), the organization which is responsible for adjudicating the applications.

Eligible Research Topics

The grant supports research in the area of the impact of technology on the practice of medicine and the delivery of healthcare services. The project may form part of an honours thesis, MA thesis, major research paper, or an elective project. The student may receive course credit for the work. The proposed research must have a clearly defined timeline to demonstrate that it is of a size capable of completion during the three-month period of the Studentship.

Support Available

Funding is in the form of a stipend only, to a maximum of \$5,500. The award may be held for a period of three months during the Fall, Winter or Summer semester.

Payment is made to the institution where the student is registered. Awardees will in turn be paid by the institution in accordance with its distribution policy. These awards are considered to be taxable income by the Canadian government.

Up to FOUR Studentships are available for the upcoming competition.

Eligibility

The applicant must be registered in a recognized undergraduate or MA program at a Canadian university at the time of application. Any full-time undergraduate or MA student is eligible to apply provided the

proposed project and supervisor meet the criteria outlined above. Medical students are welcome to apply.

Awards are normally tenable only at the universities in Canada.

Deadline

Applications must be postmarked and mailed to the Vice-President of the CSHM by 10 November 2019. Applications which do not follow the formatting guidelines will be deemed ineligible.

Instructions for Completing Application

The complete application for a Hannah Studentship consists of the sections listed in order below. The Application Form and Candidate's Statement are pre-printed; all other sections require the information on attached sheets and formatted as described below.

Application Form (pre-printed page)

The application form must have all original signatures.

Agreement to assume the administrative responsibility for the Studentship, if it is awarded, is indicated by the signature of the university where the applicant is registered. The designated representative of the university office which administers student awards must sign the application. This may be the office of research administration or student awards, for example. Institutional signatures also indicate compliance with the AMS policy that overhead costs, university, or other institutional administrative costs may not be paid out of AMS grant funds.

Project Abstract

Provide a brief description (no more than 150 words) in non-technical language outlining the nature of the proposed project and its relevance to the history of medicine.

Project Proposal (maximum 3 pages double-spaced)

State the main research question, its connection to the relevant literature, and how you intend to undertake the project (methodology, location of sources, time lines, etc.). Provide some brief biographical information to attest to your suitability to undertake this project. This information may include a listing of relevant university courses, personal experience, or interests that are relevant for this project, along with proficiency in other languages if necessary.

Supervisor Assessment

The supervisor should provide a brief assessment of the project's feasibility, the student's suitability, and a commitment to oversee the project. This letter should be sent confidentially separate from the application package.

Supervisor CV (maximum 3 pages)

This condensed CV will provide the committee with information pertaining to the supervisor's familiarity with the research topic including research activities most relevant to the proposed research project.

Transcripts

Please include one official undergraduate transcript. Students registered in the first year of an undergraduate program, where a university transcript may not give sufficient information, should include previous academic certificates.

Statement of other funding sources

Attach a statement that details other support held or applied for by the applicant, with agency names, dates and value of awards and degree of overlap with the AMS application.

Ethics Clearance

All projects involving the use of human subjects must receive ethics clearance by the Research Ethics Board of the home university of either the student or the supervisor. If ethics clearance has been received prior to submitting the proposal, please submit a copy of the ethics clearance certificate with the proposal. If ethics clearance has not yet been received, funds will not be released until proof of clearance has been obtained and submitted to the CSHM.

If you determine that ethics clearance is not necessary, please include a brief statement explaining your reasoning.

In signing the AMS application form, applicants are committing themselves to act in accordance with the following statement when working with research subjects:

“I give my assurance that the human rights and personal dignity of all research subjects will be rigorously safeguarded and that no written or oral communications with research subjects will contain language that they may reasonably construe as offers of clinical or other assistance that I or my staff are not in a position, and willing, to offer.”

Application format

All pages must be typewritten, using 8-1/2 x 11-inch white paper with margins of 1 inch on all four sides. Print on one side of the paper only. Minimum acceptable font size is 12. No condensed type or spacing. Pages must be numbered sequentially, with the applicant's name appearing at the top right corner of every page. The page number and applicant name may be outside of the 1" margin requirement, but no further than 1/2" from the edge of the page.

Language

The working language of the AMS office is English. However, AMS invites those persons wishing to submit applications in French to do so, with the knowledge that their applications will be reviewed by bilingual evaluators chosen by the CSHM Vice-President. This AMS policy ensures that applications submitted in either of Canada's official languages are judged fairly.

Publication and Acknowledgement

There are no restrictions on publications. However, acknowledgement of support from AMS Healthcare and the CSHM shall appear on any publication arising from this award.

Use of the following descriptor is encouraged: Originally established in 1936 by Dr. Jason Hannah as a pioneer prepaid not-for-profit healthcare organization in Ontario, AMS Healthcare is a Canadian charitable organization with an impressive history as a catalyst for change in healthcare. Innovating healthcare education and practice, championing the history of medicine and healthcare, supporting leadership development and advancing research in both the humanities and health, AMS strives to improve the healthcare of all Canadians.

AMS may reproduce, at its discretion, the title and/or research report.

Final Report Requirement

Successful candidates will be required to submit a final report at termination of the Studentship. This report will address the activities undertaken during the course of the award and will include a copy of the research paper or other research outcome. The report should be submitted to AMS with a copy to the CSHM.

Checklist:

Have you ...

- signed and dated the application?
- included signatures from the sponsoring agency agreeing to administer the funds if awarded?
- included current transcripts?
- ensured the supervisor sent their letter directly to the Vice President of CSHM by the deadline?
- included all the material in the appropriate order?
- kept an additional complete copy for your files?

Please address all correspondence or questions about this application to:

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