CALL FOR PROPOSALS

McMaster Institute for Research on Aging

**Part-Time Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship (PT-USRF)**

The McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA) will fund up to **eight part-time** summer student Fellowships at a value of **$500** each for undergraduate students working with MIRA researchers across all six McMaster Faculties between May and August 2021.

MIRA supports research that develops and leverages interdisciplinary connections across the University and has the potential to benefit end-users, including older adults and their caregivers. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate principles of design thinking into their proposal for a summer research project that advances and explores a topic in aging.

Applications must indicate the number of hours that will be dedicated to the project, and the additional support that will be provided by the supervisor toward the students’ salary or stipend. There is no minimum number of hours or supervisory contribution; applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants submitting proposals to work with researchers on existing MIRA-funded projects **must** include details on how their proposed work will complement the project.

MIRA appreciates that proposed research and timelines may need to be modified depending on how the COVID-19 situation progresses and will aim to be flexible in consideration of applications, to continue to support students’ research experience.

As a result of the COVID-19-related directives outlined by McMaster’s Vice-President, Research (VPR) in March 2020, Faculties have implemented processes to ensure both new and continuing research is compliant with the VPR’s directives.

If the proposed research project includes **on-campus** or **in the field** activities, supervisors must ensure that a [Phased Return to Increased Research Activity Plan](https://www.mcmaster.ca/research/centreforresearchandinnovation/returntoplans) has been submitted and approved before any new research commences.

**Deadline: April 26th, 2021, 12:00 p.m.**

Successful applications are expected to be announced by the first week of May 2021.

**Submission and selection process**

All submissions must be sent by email to mirafund@mcmaster.ca and must include “MIRA PT-USRF” in the subject line.

Applications will be reviewed based on the quality of the research proposal, alignment with MIRA’s [mission, goals and approach](https://www.mcmaster.ca/research/civicrm/section/2167), and the applicant’s academic record.
Required Documents:

Documents must be submitted in one PDF file in the order they are listed below:

1. MIRA Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship application form
2. Research project proposal (4 page maximum plus reference page(s))
3. Applicant’s CV
4. Applicant’s unofficial transcript

Eligibility requirements

- The applicant’s supervisor must be a member of MIRA or be willing to apply for MIRA membership
- The applicant must be a full- or part-time undergraduate student registered for courses in the fall semester of 2021

Note: External applicants who have a MIRA supervisor may be given consideration, however, McMaster candidates will be given priority.

Other requirements and notes:

- The supervisor must fund the remaining costs of the part-time fellowship for the duration of the award (May – August)
- At the end of the Fellowship, recipients will receive a link from MIRA to complete an online summary of the progress made on the proposed project and future directions for the project
- During the Fellowship, Fellows are expected to participate in the MIRA Trainee Network’s activities, including monthly meetings held the last Friday of each month
- Fellowship recipients must also prepare and present a poster at the MIRA and Labarge Research Showcase in the fall of 2021

For further information, please contact mirafund@mcmaster.ca