

Description

The WCHC Hub – Summer Research Internship is meant to nurture meaningful collaborations between the Hub and learners who are interested in supporting innovative research with and for women living with (or affected by) HIV. The WCHC Hub believes that the full potential of this network is dependent on engaging learners to support the FUTURE of women and HIV research in Canada.

Applications are invited from WCHC Hub Co Investigators and Collaborators who have identified a summer research project that would be suitable for completion by a research intern (academic or community learner) in the area of women and HIV. The duration of the award is 14 to 16 weeks on a full-time basis.

Funds Available

- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$11,000, enough to fund 2 interns
- Funding is allocated as follows: \$5,500 intern stipend

Eligibility

Project Eligibility

The WCHC Hub is committed to supporting and promoting high-quality research that aligns with one of the grant objectives:

1. To develop, with knowledge users, WCHC KM resources in the form of learning modules, presentations, and other possible WCHC KM resources conceptualized by the team's shared understanding;
2. To convene and evaluate culturally-responsive KM events with the above-mentioned WCHC resources in collaboration with CBOs and clinics to maximize the impact of WCHC for diverse women across Canada;
3. To create a dedicated website to host a centralized web-based resource/inventory of services and research with and for diverse groups of women, girls, and gender-diverse people with HIV in Canada;
4. To carry out training and mentoring activities to help support the future generations of Women and HIV care provider, leaders, and researchers in Canada; and
5. To plan for the uptake, scale-up, and sustainability of the planned WCHC resources and KM events, including the fulsome engagement of CBOs in future implementation research.

Eligibility to Apply

The Summer Research Internship application will be a collaborative effort between a Hub Co Investigator or Collaborator and a relevant sub-hub. If the Intern has already been identified, they must meet the following criteria to be eligible for you to apply. For those who will post the opportunity, the following criteria must be included in the posting:

- be registered, as of the deadline date for applications at the institution, in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible institution;
- have obtained, over the previous years of study, a satisfactory cumulative average (normally at least B; check with your institution);
- not have completed all your degree requirements before August 2026

OR

- are a person living with HIV who is interested in learning in a research intensive environment

If an intern will be selected for an interview, a member of the WCHC Quad Leadership or a Futures Co Chair must participate in the interviews.

Financial Administration

Stipends will be paid directly to the Intern from Women's College Hospital, where the WCHC Hub funds are housed.

How to Apply

Applications are due on **March 2nd, 2026**. The application comprises 2 - 4 documents:

- 1. Proposal** - Summarize the planned research project for the internship in a maximum of two (2) pages (not including references, figures and tables). Ensure that you include the following in your proposal:
 - a. Description of the study/project
 - b. Specific objectives of the internship
 - c. Relevance to the WCHC hub
- 2. Supervisor statement** - The supervisor statement must be a maximum of two pages, be signed and include the following:
 - a. A detailed outline of a mentoring plan
 - b. Confirmation of any supplemental funding for the project and its source
 - c. A description of how the project will support the activities of a specific sub-hub or leadership team

If applicable, please also include:

- 3. Intern CV** – CVs can be submitted in any format
- 4. Transcripts** – Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for this application

Applications can be submitted by email to amy.ly@wchospital.ca and accepted applications will be notified by March 31st, 2026.