



2024 SBME Synergy Summer Studentship: Description & Eligibility

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The SBME Synergy Summer Studentship Program is a terrific opportunity to get paid hands-on research experience, be exposed to a wide range of biomedical disciplines and technologies, develop transferable skills, and gain insights into career options. It is also a chance to meet people with varied backgrounds and experiences, at all levels of training.

Synergy students will receive an award of \$7,500 (\$4,500 from SBME + \$3,000 from PI) to work 30 hours / week, May – August 2024, in UBC's world-class labs. Together with their PI, students will decide on a research project to focus on during the program.

Beyond working in the lab, Synergy students will participate in the following activities:

- Welcome Orientation
- Professional Skills Development Modules
- Student Socials
- Synergy Research Day

AWARD AMOUNTS

Summer students receive an award of \$7,500 (\$4,500 from SBME + \$3,000 from PI) for the duration of the research project (up to 16 weeks). Students who participate for less than 16 weeks will receive a smaller award.

***New this year:** Student appointments will be processed by SBME, unless the PI is not affiliated with SBME (in which the appointment will be processed by the PI's home department). Each appointment will be assigned to the PI's own speedchart/worktag. SBME will transfer \$4,500 to the PI separately.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an SBME Synergy Award, students must:

1. Be an undergraduate or medical student registered at a recognized university during the program period: May-August 2024. **This program is open to undergraduate students only.** If you complete your undergraduate program in April 2024, you are no longer eligible for this program.
2. Work under the supervision of a DMCBH, GSAT, or SBME Principal Investigator (PI), Research Associate (RA), or Postdoctoral Fellow (PDF).
3. Not hold any other awards (including UBC SSRP, URSA, WLIURA) during the tenure of the SBME Summer Studentship Program. Co-op is allowed.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The SBME Synergy Undergraduate Summer Studentship program is highly competitive, and spots are limited. Synergy students are expected to fully participate in all of the Synergy events (e.g. professional skills development modules, socials, etc.).





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All Synergy students are required to meet the following conditions:

1. Participate in **all** SBME-organized summer events, which will be held in-person at UBC Point Grey campus
2. Submit a written report that includes a summary of their research project, a reflection of their program experience, and an assessment of the overall program. This report should be sent to the SBME Program Manager before August 30, 2024.
3. Complete an end-of-program online survey before September 6, 2024.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the eligibility criteria.
2. Reach out to an SBME, GSAT, or DMCBH faculty member whom you are interested in working with. Best practice is to send them a polished resume, cover letter, your transcript and/or a statement of interest. You can find a list of eligible supervisors [here](#).
3. Once you have a supervisor, read through the program requirements together. Make sure that you have both added the Synergy events to your calendars so that you don't miss any. Synergy events are mandatory for Synergy students to attend; failure to participate will jeopardize payment of the award.
4. Apply to the program through the application portal [here](#).
5. Application results will be announced April 15, 2024.

The following documents need to be uploaded with the application:

1. Project Description
2. Student's Resume
3. Signed Award Conditions Agreement

Please upload these documents as a single pdf file.

Application Deadline: March 29, 2024

Late applications will not be accepted.

Protecting Your Privacy

Personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a) and 26(c) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information you provide will only be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this application process.

