| VAST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM |
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| **Summer Students** |

**Eligibility:**
- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at a Canadian university.
- Co-supervision by two PIs is required. Supervisor and co-supervisor must both be VAST co-investigators OR either the supervisor or co-supervisor may be eligible if they are both i) an early career researcher (< 5 years since first academic appointment), and ii) a registered VAST member contributing content development and/or mentoring students in the VAST mentorship program..
- Proposed project is related to vascular contributions to cognitive impairment and dementia.
    - Projects involving other neurodegenerative processes (e.g., Alzheimer's disease) are allowed as long as vascular dysfunction is being investigated as a process cause, modulator, or outcome.

**Application deadline:**
- Application will be submitted electronically via fillable PDF.
- Application deadline is February 1 for funding that begins in summer 2024.
- We aim to notify successful applicants by March 1, 2024.

**The following materials are required (1 electronic copy in PDF format):**
- 2-page PDF application. All sections are mandatory. The application includes:
    - **Survey regarding equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).**
    - **Other Funding**: Disclosure of other funding is required.
    - **Applicant Statement of Intent**.
        - Applicants will be evaluated on motivation, interest in the field, and how the application will help their training and further their career goals.
        - If you had previous VAST summer funding, please explain how this year's project will enhance your experience by providing you with new knowledge and skills.
    - **Project Summary**: Include a brief description of the objective, hypothesis, methods, and significance of the project. Clearly state the applicants' role in the project.
        - Evaluated based on the impact, novelty, and feasibility of the project.
    - **Supervisor and Co-Supervisor Description of Training Environment:** This section should be completed by the supervisors or with input from the supervisors.
        - Evaluated on support for the student and demonstrated access to the facilities, equipment, collaborative opportunities, and mentorship needed to successfully executive the project.
    - **Supervisor and Co-Supervisor Expectations:** It is **required** that VAST mentors will contribute (or have contributed) an online learning module (approved by the VAST curriculum committee) and agree to serve at a later date on the VAST stipend review committee if asked.
- **Attachments:** please include these in PDF format
    - **University undergraduate transcript:** can be unofficial.
    - **Applicant CV.**
        - Evaluated based on professional or volunteer experience including non-scientific positions; demonstrated interest in health and research; and diversity of life experiences.
    - **Supervisor and co-supervisor signed letter of support** (1 page maximum): Clearly delineate the student's role in project, student fit with project, and supervisor assessment of the student.
        - Evaluated based on relevance of the supervisor/co-supervisor collaboration to the project, and quality of the mentorship and training environment. **The supervisor must describe a source of matching funds to provide student with minimum stipend of $1500/month**.

**Funding:** VAST will provide **up to $750 per month** (50% support) for up to 4 months (4 weeks minimum), from May to August 2024. For students with additional sources of funding, the VAST Executive Committee reserves the right to reduce the VAST contribution.

**Submission:** Please complete the online EDI survey, and email the PDF application to Jolene Phelps, jolene.phelps@ucalgary.ca, by February 1, 2024. Note that the submission period may be extended if there is not adequate diversity among the applicants.

**Evaluation:** Competitive; ranked based on peer review.

# VAST Summer Student Application Form

**Project Title:**

**Date of application:**

**Applicant last name:**                                   **Applicant first name:**
University:
Email:
Applicants must complete this survey for EDI (equity, diversity, inclusiveness) considerations:
https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/VASTEDI

**Supervisor 1 last name:**                               **Supervisor 1 first name:**
**Supervisor 2 last name:**                               **Supervisor 2 first name:**

**Start date in program:**          **End date:**          **Funding requested (up to $3,000 max):**

**Statement of Other Funding** (attached additional pages if needed)

| Awarded by: | Dates | Total Amount: |
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**Applicant Statement of Intent:**

**Project:**

**Description of the Training Environment (to be completed with input from Supervisor and Co-supervisor):**

**Supervisor/Co-Supervisor expectations (required):**                                        **Initials**
I will contribute an online learning module                                    Supervisor:        Co-supervisor:
If asked, I will participate in the VAST Application Review Committee for 2023-24    Supervisor:        Co-supervisor: