Ward Summer Research Student (SOAR position) – Summer 2026

Program: Sparking student Opportunities for Advancing inclusive childhood disability Research program

Institution: Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital – Bloorview Research Institute
Principal Investigator: Dr. Evdokia Anagnostou
Lab: Autism Research Centre (ARC)
Graduate Department Affiliation: Department of Paediatrics, Institute of Medical Sciences

Project Title

Province of Ontario Neurodevelopmental Disorders (POND) Network Summer Student – Anagnostou Lab

Project Overview

Join the Autism Research Centre at Holland Bloorview, where we conduct research to understand the biology and symptoms of autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs), and develop innovative interventions for children and adults.

As part of the **POND Network**, you will contribute to a large-scale study exploring genetic, brain, and body differences in individuals with ASD, ADHD, OCD, intellectual disabilities, and other NDDs.

Position Details

- **Start Date:** May 4, 2026
- **End Date:** July 24, 2026
- **Type:** Hourly
- **Wage:** $17.60/hour
- **Position Type:** Hybrid
- **Number of Positions:** 2

Responsibilities

- Data gathering, entry, analysis, and report writing

- Literature search and review

- General administrative and clerical support

- Assist in developing program materials, presentations, and teaching resources

- Interact with clients, families, and staff across programs

- Perform additional duties as required

Qualifications

- Enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or medical school

- Demonstrated interest in neurodevelopmental research

- Strong communication and teamwork skills

- Accuracy and attention to detail

- Ability to organize work and meet deadlines

- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel

- Knowledge of data management principles

Application Requirements

- Cover letter

- CV

- Unofficial university transcript

- List of two referees (including name, title, institution, email, and phone number)

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Knowledge Mobilization and Family Engagement

Project Overview

Join the POND (Province of Ontario Neurodevelopmental Disorders) Network team to help translate research findings into accessible formats for families, clinicians, and community partners. This role emphasizes integrating family voices into research and dissemination efforts through family-friendly summaries, engagement initiatives, and inclusive communication strategies.

Position Details

- **Start Date:** May 4, 2026

- **End Date:** July 24, 2026

- **Type:** Hourly

- **Wage:** $17.60/hour

- **Position Type:** In-person

- **Number of Positions:** 1

Responsibilities

- Support ongoing project activities

- Prepare written summaries, key messages, and literature syntheses

- Develop educational and knowledge translation materials (text, images, infographics, audio/video content)

- Collaborate with multidisciplinary team members (researchers, clinicians, educators, clients, families)

- Prepare a presentation for the Ward Summer Research Student Day

- Perform additional duties as required

Qualifications

- Enrolled as a **3rd or 4th year undergraduate student (Fall 2025)** or any year of an MD program

- Minimum cumulative GPA of **80%**

- Completed at least **one research methods course** and **CORE ethics training**

- Priority given to students in life sciences, arts and humanities, social sciences, or related disciplines

- Experience with children/youth with disabilities preferred

- Exposure to or experience with research preferred

- Strong communication, collaboration, and organizational skills

- Ability to work independently with attention to detail

Application Requirements

- Cover letter

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