**Information for Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Potential DUROP Supervisors:**

The **Dean's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (DUROP)** provides an opportunity for science or basic medical science undergraduate students to undertake research under the supervision of a faculty member engaged in clinical or basic science research in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. It should not be confused with the **SRTP program** that trains first and second year medical students at Schulich, nor the **NSERC USRA program**. Students can apply for consideration for inclusion in the DUROP program following year 1 to year 4 of their undergraduate science degree. Inclusion within the program for more than one summer is possible but does require submission of a new application to the program each year.

Funding of stipends for all students accepted into the program is organized by the Schulich Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies Office. Each stipend will be valued at $6000 for 16 weeks of summer placement. $3000.00 will be provided from Schulich Medicine & Dentistry funds. The remaining $3000.00 must be provided by the trainee’s supervisor. Twenty positions will be funded for summer 2017. **Note that DUROP funding must be used only for student stipends; all other costs associated with the project are the responsibility of the supervisor.**

**If you are interested in participating as a DUROP supervisor, the deadline for submitting a proposal for consideration is Thursday, January 26th, 2017.**

Research projects in both clinical and basic areas may be supported through DUROP, as are projects across the full range of disciplines within the Schulich School. This includes laboratory research in any of the basic science departments, clinical and population health research, research on medical education, and ecosystem health research. We encourage all Schulich Medicine & Dentistry researchers to consider submitting a proposal for DUROP.

DUROP projects should be designed to be completed within the time frame of a 16-week block of time during the summer (May to August). The project description should clearly outline the project hypothesis, the expected role of the student, and the methodology to be used. The emphasis should be on the testing of an interesting hypothesis through the generation of new data.

The primary goal of the program is to ensure a positive research experience for students in the early phases of their undergraduate training. This requires a commitment from the supervisor to not only host the student in his/her lab, but to regularly review their project and progress, help them to prepare and refine oral presentations, and review/edit their written reports at the end of the summer training period. Projects that include a student’s participation in an ongoing, large, multifaceted research group should clearly outline what the DUROP student’s specific role would be, and how this role would differ from, and augment, the objectives of the larger scale initiative.

**All DUROP projects requiring REB approval must have approval in place prior to the start of the student's term.**

To have a project considered for DUROP, supervisors who have an appointment in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry should submit (1) a project description form for DUROP (see below), and (2) an
abbreviated CV, including a list of publications for the past five years and current research funding (A maximum of 4 pages: do not include your entire CV).

Email submissions to: gradstudies@schulich.uwo.ca in PDF format.

Proposed projects will be reviewed by the DUROP Committee. Approved proposals for supervisors looking for students will be made available to the interested undergraduates by February 9th, 2017 via posting on the graduate studies website. The proposed projects will be posted on the website for approximately three weeks, only if the supervisor indicated they DO NOT have a student for the project. For those supervisors who have a student for their proposed project, and have provided the student’s name, the Graduate Office will not post the project descriptions. The abbreviated CV will not be placed on the website, but will be made available to students if requested.

Students interested in participating in DUROP must complete a full application to the program, which includes the following:

- A maximum 300 word statement written by trainee indicating why they wish to pursue this opportunity
- An application, including grades, work history, and awards/productivity.
- 2 referee’s names, and email address, should the supervisor need to be in touch.

All applications will be submitted online, and made available for supervisors, if required. Supervisors will then contact students they wish to speak with about interviews. We recommend when contacting students, that supervisors ask for unofficial copies of transcripts.

Please note, it is up to the supervisor to contact student references.

Trainee applications will be reviewed by appropriate prospective supervisors and matching decisions must be completed by March 15, 2017. Twenty positions are available for funding. By submitting a proposal, you are agreeing to both the timeline, and to filling out a survey at the end of the summer.

For more information on DUROP or on the submission process, please visit the Schulich Graduate Studies website at http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/gradstudies/.