



2026 T-CAIREM Summer Research Program: FAQs

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2026 Summer Research Program website for students:
<https://tcairem.utoronto.ca/call-student-researchers>

I am interested in this, plus any other research opportunities. Can you please add my email to future ongoing projects?

Sign up for T-CAIREM mailing list: <https://tcairem.utoronto.ca/t-cairem-newsletter> and follow us on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/71642517>

How many positions are available?

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Are students from other medical schools eligible to apply?

Yes, students from any Canadian university are eligible to apply. International students must have a valid Canadian work permit.

Will this count towards ROP (Research Opportunities Program)?

This Summer Research Program is NOT part of U of T's ROP program.

How can we go about finding a supervisor?

You can find a PDF list of supervisors hiring Summer Research Students on the [T-CAIREM website](#). Students are encouraged to contact the supervisors they're interested in working with for the summer. Students may also directly contact supervisors who aren't listed on the PDF. (But remember to check the supervisor's eligibility on the T-CAIREM website.)

IMPORTANT: At minimum, either the student or the faculty supervisor must be from the U of T.

What would the student be located for the internship? Can we work remotely?

The location for each student's workplace depends on the location of the selected supervisor. The project may be located at the University of Toronto, an affiliate hospital or research centre, or may require remote work. Students should discuss the location of the project, the option to work remotely, and work hours with their supervisors before jointly applying to the program.

What background do we need to have a competitive application?

The specific academic background required depends on the research project. Students should discuss relevant background and required expertise with supervisors before submitting their application. Students from any degree program are eligible to apply to this program. A background in computer science and/or a clinical field may be an asset, but is not required.

What are you looking for in a research candidate, and what opportunities would you provide them to excel in this program?

T-CAIREM evaluates the applications based on the criteria outlined on the T-CAIREM website, including quality of the research project, quality of the training environment (access to a breadth of expertise), excellence of the student's academic record, student's other notable accomplishments (previous research/publications, leadership activities, volunteer activities, etc.), and EDI considerations.

Do you have to have previous work or AI research experience to apply?

Not necessarily. This program provides a great opportunity for students to obtain their first experience in AI & medicine. It can also be an important addition to previous experience, as well. The required student expertise varies depending on the needs of the research project. Students are encouraged to discuss the specific expertise that may be required with potential supervisors before applying.

T-CAIREM does not require students to have previous work experience or research in AI experience to apply. If students have prior work and/or AI research experience, they should specify that in the application, as that may increase the chances of a successful application.

What are some of the specific responsibilities for student accepted into the program?

Specific responsibilities of successful students will vary depending on the chosen project. Students are encouraged to discuss specific responsibilities they will be required to carry out with the supervisors before applying to the program.

To obtain a T-CAIREM certificate of completion, students are required to attend a minimum of 75% of the summer sessions, such as Professional Development sessions, Trainee Rounds, the Mid-Term Check-In, and final Mini-Conference. The times will vary and will be posted on our website in the new year.

I want to know the requirements and more information about this research.

The application requirements can be found on the T-CAIREM website.

What should I include on my CV to stand out if I have no previous experience?

You can include any notable accomplishments, projects, experiences such as awards, leadership positions, volunteer positions, projects worked on, etc.

What specific technologies can students expect to be working with during the internship?

The types of technologies that students will be working with will depend on the research projects that students will be working on. We encourage students to discuss with the supervisors that they are interested in working with about the specific technologies in their laboratories that students will get to interact with.

Would you say that having knowledge of coding languages be helpful?

Students are encouraged to discuss with the supervisors that they are interested to work with the specific skills that the specific supervisor requires for the project. There may be many projects that will require knowledge of specific coding languages. There may also be projects related to the application of AI, for which specific coding knowledge is required. AI in medicine is a team activity, and so the student will be playing a specific role, which can vary.

What are some learning opportunities from this?

Students should select projects that align with their research interests. Students should also discuss with the supervisors that they are interested in working with, the specific learning opportunities that may be available at the supervisor's lab.

From T-CAIREM perspective, students will have the opportunity to interact with one another and learn from one another. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in networking events.

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