



SPECIAL CALL

Student Research Training Grant

2026 Guidelines

GRANT OVERVIEW

The 2026 Special Call: Student Research Training Grant supports short-term, high-impact training experiences that allow post-secondary students to develop new research skills, engage in meaningful collaboration, and gain exposure to research environments beyond their typical setting.

This initiative provides funding to embed student(s) in a research lab, research institute, clinical or community research environment, or innovative setting. While opportunities may take place outside Windsor-Essex, the emphasis is on providing a **unique, elevated, and transformative research experience**, whether local, regional, national, or international.

Funding Amount: Two awards of \$7,500 (1 University of Windsor student and 1 St. Clair College student)

Funded By: University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA) & St. Clair College Student Representative Council (SRC)

Project Duration: Must take place between September 1, 2026, and August 21, 2027

ALLOWABLE PROJECTS

Projects must involve a hands-on research training experience. Examples include:

- Specialized methods or technology training
- Collaborative research mini-projects
- Clinical, community, or public health research
- Innovative or industry-based research training
- Cross-cultural or global research training

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply, the Principal Applicant (Supervisor) must:

1. Hold a full-time appointment at either the University of Windsor or St. Clair College, and must be a Core member of WE-SPARK Health Institute
2. Serve as the primary supervisor responsible for project oversight and financial management

The student must:

- Be actively enrolled at the University of Windsor or St. Clair College at the time of award
- Participate full-time in the proposed training experience

Co-applicants must have either Core Membership or an Affiliate Membership with WE-SPARK.

Multiple Applications:

An individual cannot submit more than 1 application as PA per grant competition. This individual may however participate as a Co-applicant or Collaborator on other applications.

FUNDING

One-time funding will be awarded with a total budget **not exceeding \$7,500**. Funds are expected to be used for approved research-related expenditures. This grant is intended to support the student’s research experience. Funding may be used for direct student costs such as travel, accommodations, training or course fees, research-related materials, required administrative costs (insurance, visas), and limited dissemination expenses. Budgets will be evaluated for feasibility.

Non-eligible Expenses:

- 1. Supervisor salary or stipends
- 2. Equipment over \$1,000
- 3. General supplies not directly tied to the project
- 4. Long-term housing or expenses outside the award period

Management of Funds:

Funds will be administered either through 1) Office of Research & Integrity Services (ORIS) at the University of Windsor (for PAs holding an appointment at the University of Windsor), or 2) Applied Research & Development Office at St. Clair College (for PAs holding an appointment at St. Clair College).

Conditions of Funding:

- 1. Awardees are required to attend a public presentation to receive their awards.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the PA to maintain their eligibility throughout the term of the grant and to immediately notify the respective office at either the University of Windsor or St. Clair College of any changes that may affect their eligibility to continue to hold the grant. This includes eligibility of the student.
- 3. Upon completion of the research training experience, the student will be required to submit to WE-SPARK Health Institute a final report outlining how the experience enhanced their academic growth, professional skills, and personal development.

COMPETITION TIMELINES

February 27, 2026	Grant opportunity launched.
April 3, 2026	Letters of Intent (LOIs) to be submitted through AirTable . LOIs are non-competitive. If you submit an LOI, you are eligible to submit a full application.

May 8, 2026	Final grant applications and packages to be submitted through AirTable .
July 31, 2026	Notices of decisions.
September 16, 2026	Award ceremony.
September 2026	Funding start date.

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