

Student Research Placements at the INTREPID Lab Summer 2026
(May to August)

INTREPID Lab at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is seeking applications from interested students for **two** summer placement opportunities aimed at exploring behaviors and patterns of vaping, smoking, substance use, and technology use in various populations. The positions involve participating in retrospective chart reviews and extracting data related to demographic, metabolic, and cessation or reduction behaviour trends from the clinical charts of clients at the Nicotine Dependence Clinic and the STOP program within the INTREPID Lab.

The ideal candidate for each project is an undergraduate student or medical undergraduate student with a background in research methodology, neurosciences, or statistics. The candidate will have the opportunity to advance their research skills and be mentored by scientists working in the areas of Nicotine Cessation, Addictions, Sex and Gender, and Epidemiology. This 16-week, full-time paid position requires three to five days of onsite attendance weekly as determined by the primary supervisor. This position will be based out of CAMH 1025 Queen Street, Toronto.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program in a relevant field such as Psychology, Neuroscience, Medicine or Health Sciences, Public Health / Epidemiology, Nursing or Pharmacy, Health Informatics or Biomedical Sciences, Social Work or related behavioral health disciplines
- Fourth year undergraduate students must be able to demonstrate application to or acceptance into a graduate program
- Applicants must demonstrate foundational knowledge in:
 - research methodology
 - human subjects research
 - Statistics and structured data collection
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Ability to follow standardized abstraction protocols
- Reliability and adherence to timelines
- Strong written documentation skills
- Comfort working with sensitive health data
- Professional judgment regarding confidentiality

Due to the sensitive nature of retrospective clinical chart review involving personal health information, candidates must demonstrate maturity, professionalism, and adherence to confidentiality obligations.

Applicants must complete (or agree to complete prior to data access):

- TCPS2 CORE certification
- CAMH privacy and confidentiality training
- CAMH mandatory trainings

Preferred Experience

- Addiction or mental health research
- Data cleaning or coding
- Secure handling of personal health information

Preferred Technical Skills

- Excel
- REDCap
- SPSS, R, or Python
- Microsoft Teams / SharePoint / secure research platforms

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students are welcome to submit applications starting on Friday, March 13, 2026 until Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Applications should be submitted electronically via email to Vanessa Ballarino at Vanessa.Ballarino@camh.ca, with “**INTREPID Lab Summer 2026 Research Placement Application**” as the email subject. Only applicants accepted for the interview process will be contacted. If contacted for an interview, please inform us should accommodation be required.

Please submit:

- Cover letter and learning objectives
- Resume