



## **A Career in Life Sciences: Infinite Capacity – Endless Opportunity**

### **The Canadian Alliance for Skills and Training in Life Sciences (CASTL) Award Program**

#### **THE AWARD**

The CASTL Award is offered to assist undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a career in the rapidly expanding life sciences sector. It is intended to support learning and professional development through a combination of academic study and cooperative learning with industry partners.

Application for this award is open to all students enrolled with second year standing of a post-secondary life sciences program (biology, chemistry). Award recipients will receive funding in the second year of study. This funding will also be renewed in year three (3) of study to support further learning and professional development provided that recipients continue to meet all eligibility requirements of the CASTL award program.

Award recipients must qualify, commit, and consent to placement in a CASTL approved Work Integrated Learning (WIL) arrangement. For example, cooperative education.

#### **THE REWARDS**

Once chosen, award recipients can expect:

- Opportunity to enhance life sciences and biotechnology knowledge
- Meaningful and valuable work experience in the life sciences industry
- Essential skill development to support future career success
- Mentorship
- Numerous networking opportunities

#### **THE REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicants must be studying at an accredited post-secondary institution supported by the CASTL program e.g. UPEI
- Applicants in an undergraduate degree program must be entering their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of full-time studies, with second year standing, in a life sciences program.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative average of 75% (or equivalent GPA) in their completed 1<sup>st</sup> year of post-secondary study in life sciences.

- Applicants must submit proof of enrolment for the fall 2020-2021 school term and submit an unofficial school transcript.
- Applicants must meet specific eligibility requirements for work/study placements prescribed by their particular post-secondary institution, including acceptance into the Co-operative Education program

**Academic Year for Award:**

2020-2021, renewable in 2021-2022

**Value/Amount:**

\$5,000 (\$2500 in 2020 renewable in 2021)

**Number of Awards:** 10-15

**Deadline to Apply:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**How to Apply:** Students will be able to access the application beginning October 1, 2020