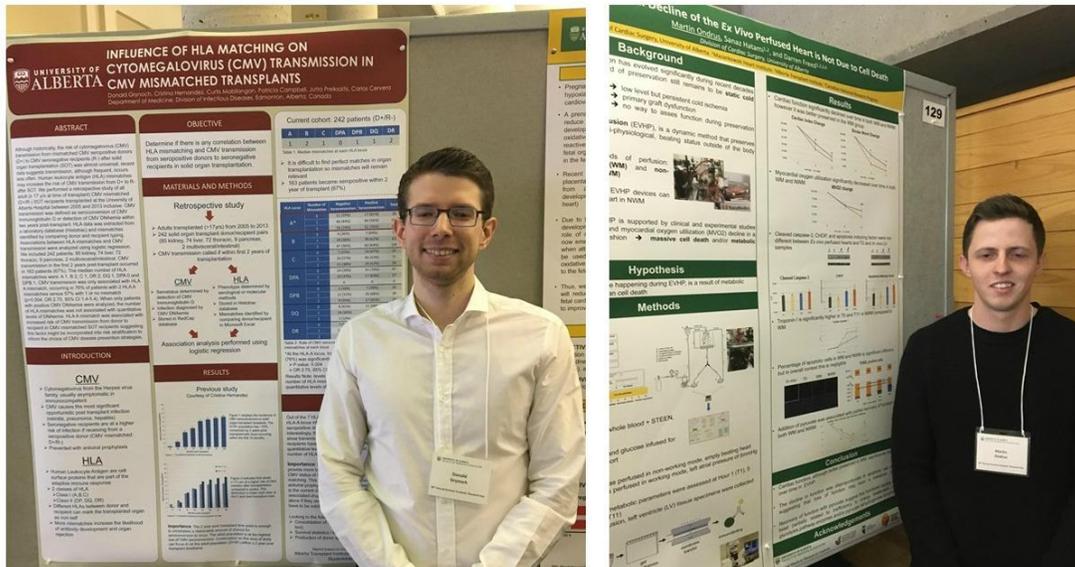




## What the Recipients of the 2017 ATI Undergraduate Summer Studentship have to say about their research experience last summer...



Donald Grynock (left) and Martin Ondrus (Right) present at the FOMD Undergraduate Research Day 2017

This summer research experience gave me a great deal of confidence in the research scene, and as a contributor to Albertan healthcare. I would strongly recommend it, especially for those who are unsure if they want to pursue research or not. I would say definitely apply!

I would encourage other undergraduates to apply as I was fortunate to gain experience doing research that was patient oriented, which is in direct contrast to the basic science research most undergrads are more familiar with. This means that one is afforded the opportunity to see where research is potentially making a difference in people's lives and can be more tangibly rewarding. I have been fortunate to make many connections this summer that have encouraged me and made possible my desire to pursue graduate studies here at the UofA.

I would highly recommend getting into a summer research project really for any post-secondary student. Research experience gives a great opportunity to learn and practice critical thinking skills which go above and beyond those expected in most university classes. Over this summer, I was able to collaborate with many great minds as well increase my knowledge from self-directed learning. I also gained a greater understanding of the healthcare system and the role research plays in that system. Technical skills are important, but it's the soft skills that I think make a research experience so valuable. I give a big thank you to the ATI for being so supportive and encouraging.

I would highly recommend a summer research experience to other undergraduate students. It allowed me to apply my classroom knowledge in a constructive research environment. It was very meaningful for me to be a part of a team that was innovating such an important field. I significantly improved my collaborative, time-management, and analysis skills which are crucial regardless of desired career path.