



# Undergraduate Student Research Awards

## Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

Gain Experience in Research this summer:  
work with an NSERC-sponsored researcher

- If ...
- you have completed at least 1 full year (10 courses) in any bachelor's program of academic study as an undergraduate by May 2018 (**includes** D.V.M. program, **excludes** B.Sc.N.)
  - registered in a Bachelor's degree program at an eligible university in at least one of the 2 terms immediately previous to the award (i.e., Winter 2018 or Fall 2017)
  - do not plan to begin a graduate program in the summer, and
  - are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident

And if.... you have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least 80%

... you may be eligible to apply for a U.S.R.A. Visit [nserc.gc.ca](http://nserc.gc.ca) for complete program information.

### UPEI DEADLINE FOR ON-LINE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE APPLICATION February 16, 2018

\*\*NEW UPEI requirements as of 2017\*\*

1. The minimum eligible average has been raised from 75% to 80%
2. Supervisors are allowed to take part on only two applications

<b>NSERC requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. supervision by an eligible NSERC grant holder (see attached list)</li> <li>2. available to work 16 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time or summer courses)</li> <li>3. currently registered in a bachelor's degree program</li> <li>4. not planning to start graduate studies (officially or unofficially) in the summer of the award</li> </ol>
<b>Objective of the program</b>	The objective of the USRA program is to provide <b>research work experience</b> that complements the degree program <b>in order to encourage students to consider graduate studies</b> and/or a research career.
<b>How to apply:</b>  <b>Use Form 202</b> available at: <a href="http://www.nserc.ca">www.nserc.ca</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill out part 1 electronically, and provide your supervisor with your reference number (see attached poster for list of eligible supervisors). <b>Please, note that you have to scan your transcripts as a single PDF file and you have to upload it yourself. If you are successful in the competition you may be asked to submit the official copies of your transcripts for verification before you take up the award.</b> Note: Degree Audit reports will NOT be accepted in lieu of transcripts.</li> <li>2. Your supervisor will fill out Part 2, then submit the completed application on-line to the NSERC Liaison Officer.</li> <li>3. You can pick only one supervisor and project. Consult the list that accompanies this poster to see who is eligible. Supervisors are limited to supporting two student applications.</li> <li>4. As part of the application process for UPEI, students are asked to write a letter indicating how they would benefit from the USRA. In the letter, they should demonstrate an understanding of the research project on which they will be working, and comment on how a USRA would further their career and professional objectives. Students should comment on any previous research experience, especially funded through the USRA program, and to discuss any contributions that may have arisen from this research. The letter must also describe the expected outputs from the current research (e.g., report, poster, presentation, etc.). This part of the application should consist of <b>one</b> "free-form" page, and should be sent electronically to the Research Services Administrative Assistant (<a href="mailto:researchservices@upei.ca">researchservices@upei.ca</a>)</li> </ol>
<b>UPEI requirement</b>	

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(Office of Research Services)

or visit : [www.nserc.ca](http://www.nserc.ca) and access the Program Guide for Students

An NSERC USRA information session will be held by Rabin Bissessur (NSERC Liaison Officer) and Leslie Cudmore (Research Grants Coordinator) on **Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in AVC 287N**. Students, Professors, Chairs and Deans are strongly encouraged to attend.