



Call for applications 2017 UPEI Science Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA)

The UPEI SURA is a program that complements and broadens the NSERC-USRA program and is intended for full time (domestic or international) students interested on gaining summer research experience. Unlike USRA, this program is for conducting research in ANY science discipline under the supervision of researchers NOT eligible to recruit under the USRA program. Requirements, expectations and adjudication process are virtually identical to the USRA program (see below) but use the forms available here: <http://www.upei.ca/research/research-services/undergraduate-research-opportunities>

In order to apply, you must

- have completed at least 1 year (10 courses) in a BSc program in the Faculty of Science by May 2017,
- not plan to begin a graduate program this summer,
- have achieved a minimum cumulative 80% average,
- be available to work 16 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time) this summer,
- be able identify and confirm a willing supervisor (faculty) who is NOT included in the 2017 NSERC-USRA list.

Rates of pay are identical to the USRA program (\$5,625 = \$4,500 from SURA + \$1,125 from the supervisor's grant). Because these programs complement each other, a student cannot apply to both SURA and NSERC USRA. If your chosen supervisor is among those eligible to recruit through the USRA, you must apply through that program. Due to the limited funding available for SURA, each supervisor is limited to one application.

Application process

1. Go to the Office of Research Services website (<http://www.upei.ca/research/research-services/undergraduate-research-opportunities>), download and complete the Application Form Part I (student).
2. Based on your areas of interest (health, natural or social sciences), approach suitable supervisors and seek information on potential projects. Once the supervisor of your chosen project confirms his/her availability to supervise you, he/she must complete and submit the Application Form Part II (supervisor).
3. Prepare a one-page letter stating how you would benefit from the UPEI-SURA program. In the letter, you should show an understanding of the research project on which you will be working, and comment on how the SURA would further your career and professional objectives. Students should also comment on any previous research experience and discuss any contributions that may have arisen from that research. The letter must also describe the expected outputs from the current research (e.g., report, poster, presentation, etc.).
4. Submit Application form Part I (student) and your letter of intent, and arrange to have official transcripts sent to the Research Services Office (attn. Ms Leslie Cudmore). These documents in addition to the Supervisor's form must be received by that Office by February 16 at 4:00 PM.

**UPEI Information session for USRA and SURA programs:
Friday, January 27 2017, 1:00 to 2:00 pm in AVC 287N.**

**UPEI Deadline for submission of complete applications:
February 16 2017, 4:00 PM**

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