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Call for applications: 2025 UPEI Lévesque Undergraduate Research Awards in Human Health

Through a generous endowment from the Fondation J.-Louis Lévesque, UPEI has established the Lévesque Undergraduate Research Awards (URA) in Human Health. The Lévesque URA program complements and broadens the [NSERC USRA](#) program and is intended for students interested in performing **human health-related research** during the summer of 2025. Requirements, expectations, and adjudication processes are virtually identical to the NSERC USRA program, with the following key exceptions:

- 1) international students are eligible to apply for the Lévesque URA program
- 2) research projects are not restricted to the natural sciences and engineering; therefore, students in health-related bachelor's programs are eligible to apply (e.g., B.Sc. Nursing)

Recipients of Lévesque URAs will be paid an hourly rate as UPEI employees. **The UPEI award amount is \$6000, and supervisors will be required* to provide a top-up amount to ensure compliance with UPEI student pay rates based on 14 to 16 weeks of full-time employment (37.5 hours/week).** The expectation regarding the duration of the award (14, 15, or 16 weeks) should be discussed between the supervisor and student before applying. Awards may not be deferred.

*In the limited circumstance in which the faculty member or their department budgets cannot provide the matching contributions, the faculty member can request additional funding from the Fondation J.-Louis Lévesque to cover some or all of the cost of the matching contribution.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed at least 1 full year (10 courses) in a UPEI Bachelor's degree program by May 2025 and be registered in this program at the time of application.
- Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative 80% average (cGPA 3.7) in their undergraduate studies.
- Applicants must not intend to begin a graduate program in the summer of 2025.
- Applicants must be available to work 14 to 16 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time) in the summer of 2025.
- Applicants must confirm a UPEI faculty member supervisor.
- Students and supervisors are limited to one Lévesque URA application in 2025.
- Students cannot apply for more than one of the following: Lévesque URA, NSERC USRA, CIHR/SSHRC USRA for Black Students, Engineering Undergraduate Research Award, or Science Undergraduate Research Award. Although supervisors can apply to more than one program, priority may be given to supervisors who haven't received awards in other programs in order to broaden the scope of this award.

Students will be required to submit a brief report, highlighting the project's progress and outputs, upon completion of the award term. This report will be shared with the donor, the Fondation J.-Louis Lévesque.

Application Package:

1. Application Form Part 1 (to be completed by the student) and Application Form Part 2 (to be completed by the supervisor) – these forms can be found here: <https://www.upei.ca/research/undergraduate-research-opportunities>
2. Letter of Interest (to be completed by the student) - a **one-page** letter (excluding references) with the following information:
 - Research project: demonstrate an understanding of the research project;
 - Experience: describe previous research or relevant experience;
 - Expected outcomes: describe the potential impact of the project as well as expected outcomes including but not limited to research paper, presentation at scientific events, reports and posters;
 - Career objectives: describe how a Lévesque URA would further the applicant's career and professional objectives.
3. All undergraduate transcripts (including other universities if applicable) - transcripts can be unofficial.

Submit the application package to the Office of Research Services by email to researchservices@upei.ca. These documents must be received by **February 21, 2025, 4:00pm**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

An **information session** regarding undergraduate student research awards will be held on Friday, **January 24, 2025, from 2:00 to 3:00pm** in Kelley Building room 210. Students and supervisors are encouraged to attend.

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