



Undergraduate Student Research Awards

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

Gain experience in research this summer

NEW AS OF 2020: Supervisors no longer need to be NSERC grant holders. Supervisors can only agree to supervise ONE application.

To be eligible, student applicants must:

- be registered in a Bachelor’s degree program at an eligible university as of the deadline date for applications
- have completed at least 1 full year (10 courses) in any bachelor’s program of academic study as an undergraduate by May 2020 (**includes** D.V.M. program, **excludes** B.Sc.Nursing)
- have not held more than 2 previous USRA awards in total
- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least 80%, and
- meet all other eligibility criteria as described in the Undergraduate Student Research Awards program description (https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp)

UPEI DEADLINE FOR ON-LINE SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE APPLICATION
February 18, 2020 by 4:00pm

Objective of the program	The objective of the USRA program is to provide research experience that complements the degree program in order to encourage students to consider graduate studies and/or a research career. The proposed research must be in an area of natural sciences or engineering supported by NSERC.
Award Information	1. These awards have a value of \$4,500 for a full 16-week period . Supervisors are required to supplement the amount of the award by at least \$1125 . Both NSERC’s contribution and the university’s contribution towards the USRA will be considered by UPEI as a scholarship. 2. The program makes no provision for sick or vacation leave, or for other types of interruptions. Awards may not be deferred.
How to apply: Use Form 202 available at: www.nserc.ca	Note: Students can pick only one supervisor and project. New for 2020: Supervisors are allowed to submit only ONE application. 1. Students will fill out Part 1 electronically, and provide their supervisor with their reference number. Note that students have to upload their transcripts as a single PDF file. Successful applicants may be asked to submit the official hard copies of their transcripts for verification before taking up the award. Degree Audit reports will NOT be accepted in lieu of transcripts. 2. Supervisors will fill out Part 2 then submit the completed application on-line. 3. 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 discuss any contributions that may have arisen from this research. The letter must also describe the expected outcomes and outputs from the current research (e.g., report, poster, presentation, etc.). This part of the application is limited to one page , to be submitted electronically to Research Services (researchservices@upei.ca) by the competition deadline (Feb 18 at 4pm).
UPEI requirement	

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An NSERC USRA information session will be held on **Friday, January 24, 2020, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in Robertson Library room 211**. Students, Professors, Chairs and Deans are encouraged to attend.