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Call for applications: 2021 UPEI Science Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA)

The UPEI SURA program complements and broadens the [NSERC USRA](#) program and is intended for students interested in performing research during the summer of 2021. The program will support:

- 1) students who are not NSERC USRA eligible (i.e., international students), and/or
- 2) supervisors who are submitting a project that is not in an NSERC-eligible discipline.

Requirements, expectations and adjudication process are virtually identical to the NSERC USRA program.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed at least 1 full year (10 courses) in a Bachelor's degree program in the Faculty of Science by May 2021 and be registered in this program at the time of application.
- Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative 80% average.
- Applicants must have no plan to begin a graduate program in the summer of 2021.
- Applicants must be available to work 16 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time) in the summer of 2021.
- Applicants must have confirmed a faculty member supervisor in the Faculty of Science.
- Applicants cannot apply for both NSERC USRA and SURA.

The supervisor must have a primary appointment in the Faculty of Science. Due to the limited funding available, each supervisor is limited to one application, and supervisors cannot submit an application to both SURA and NSERC USRA.

Award value is identical to the NSERC USRA program (\$6,000 award + minimum \$1,500 from the supervisor). In the limited circumstance in which the faculty member cannot provide the matching contribution, the faculty member can request the cost of the contribution to be covered by the Dean of Science.

Note: The award will be administered by UPEI as a scholarship.

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 headings:
 - a. Research project: demonstrate an understanding of the research project;
 - b. Experience: describe previous research or relevant experience;
 - c. 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;
 - d. Career objectives: describe how a SURA would further the applicant's career and professional objectives.
3. A copy of all undergraduate transcripts - the 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 26, 2021, 4:00pm**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

For more information contact: Leslie Cudmore, Office of Research Services, lcudmore@upei.ca