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## Call for applications: 2024 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 2024. The program will support:

- 1) international students (who are not NSERC USRA eligible), and/or
  - 2) supervisors who are submitting a project that is not in an NSERC-eligible discipline.
- Requirements, expectations, and adjudication processes are virtually identical to the NSERC USRA program.

Recipients of SURAs 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.

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### Eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed at least 1 full year (10 courses) in a Bachelor's degree program in the UPEI Faculty of Science by May 2024 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 2024.
- Applicants must be available to work 14 to 16 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time) in the summer of 2024.
- Applicants must have confirmed a faculty member supervisor with a primary appointment in the UPEI Faculty of Science.
- Students and supervisors are limited to one SURA application in 2024.
- Students cannot apply for both NSERC USRA and SURA.

Students will be required to submit a brief report, highlighting the project's progress and outputs, upon completion of the award term.

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### 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 SURA 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](mailto:researchservices@upei.ca). These documents must be received by **February 20, 2024, 4:00pm**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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An **information session** regarding undergraduate student research awards will be held on Friday, **January 26, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:00pm** in Kelley Building room 210. Students and supervisors are encouraged to attend.

### For more information contact:

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