

UPEI Undergraduate Research Award

The Province of PEI has graciously provided UPEI with funding to assist our undergraduate students obtain research experience this summer through the creation of the UPEI Undergraduate Research Award. The UPEI URA program complements and broadens other undergraduate research programs and is intended to support students without restriction to any academic discipline at UPEI.

Use the forms available here: <https://www.upei.ca/research/undergraduate-research-opportunities>

To be eligible, student applicants must:

- have completed at least the first year of university study (two full-time academic terms) in a Bachelor's degree program of academic study as an undergraduate by May 2020 in any UPEI Faculty, and be registered in this program as of the Winter 2020 semester,
- not plan to begin a graduate program this summer,
- have achieved a minimum cumulative 80% average,
- be available to participate at least 12 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time) this summer,
- be able to complete the entire project online, and
- be able to identify and confirm a supervisor who is a faculty member at UPEI.

The supervisor must have a primary appointment in any Faculty at UPEI to be eligible for UPEI-URA. Due to the limited funding available, each supervisor is limited to one application. Because programs complement each other, supervisors cannot have any students with NSERC USRA, SURA, EURA, or VetSRA.

Rates of pay are identical to the USRA program (\$4,500 award + minimum \$1,125 from the supervisor's grant). Note: Both UPEI's contribution and the supervisor's contribution toward the UPEI-URA will be considered by UPEI as a scholarship. In the limited circumstance in which the faculty member or their department budgets cannot provide the matching contributions, the faculty member can apply to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research to cover the cost of the contribution.

Application process

1. Go to the Office of Research Services website (<https://www.upei.ca/research/undergraduate-research-opportunities>), download and complete the Application Form Part I (student) and Application Form Part II (supervisor).
2. Students must prepare a one-page letter stating how you would benefit from the UPEI-URA program. In the letter, you should show an understanding of the research project on which you will be working, and comment on how the UPEI-URA 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 outcomes and outputs from the proposed research (e.g., report, poster, presentation, etc.).
3. Students must attach a copy of all undergraduate transcripts. University transcripts can be unofficial.
4. Submit Application Form Part I (student) and Part II (supervisor), letter of intent, and transcripts to the Office of Research Services (researchservices@upei.ca). These documents must be received by the deadline (May 4, 2020, 4pm). Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.