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Call for applications 2019 UPEI Science Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA)

The UPEI SURA is a program that complements and broadens the [NSERC-USRA](#) program and is intended for full time (domestic or international) students interested in gaining summer research experience. Unlike USRA, this program is for conducting research in ANY science discipline under the supervision of researchers NOT eligible to recruit under the USRA program. Requirements, expectations and adjudication process are virtually identical to the USRA program (see below) but use the forms available here:

<http://www.upei.ca/research/research-services/undergraduate-research-opportunities>

In order to apply, you must:

- have completed at least 1 year (10 courses) in a BSc program in the Faculty of Science by May 2019,
- not plan to begin a graduate program this summer,
- have achieved a minimum cumulative 80% average,
- be available to work 16 consecutive weeks (with no holiday time) this summer, and
- be able to identify and confirm a willing supervisor (a faculty member in the Faculty of Science) who is NOT included in the 2019 NSERC-USRA list.

Rates of pay are identical to the USRA program (\$4,500 from SURA + minimum \$1,125 from the supervisor's grant). Because these programs complement each other, a student cannot apply to both SURA and NSERC USRA. If your chosen supervisor is among those eligible to recruit through the USRA, you must apply through that program. Due to the limited funding available for SURA, each supervisor is limited to one application.

Application process

1. Go to the Office of Research Services website (<http://www.upei.ca/research/research-services/undergraduate-research-opportunities>), download and complete the Application Form Part I (student).
 2. Based on your areas of interest (health, natural or social sciences), approach suitable supervisors and seek information on potential projects. Once the supervisor of your chosen project confirms his/her availability to supervise you, he/she must complete and submit the Application Form Part II (supervisor).
 3. Prepare a one-page letter stating how you would benefit from the UPEI-SURA program. In the letter, you should show an understanding of the research project on which you will be working, and comment on how the SURA 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.).
 4. Attach a copy of all undergraduate transcripts. Your UPEI transcripts can be unofficial; however, if you have transcripts from another institution, these must be official.
 5. Submit Application Form Part I (student) and Part II (Supervisor), your letter of intent, and transcripts to the Office of Research Services (Kelley Building Room 200). These documents must be received by February 15 at 4:00 PM. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
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UPEI Information session for SURA and NSERC USRA programs:

Friday, January 25, 2019, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in MCDH 329

UPEI Deadline for submission of complete applications: February 15 2019, 4:00 PM

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