



Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada  
**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS PROGRAM**

**Undergraduate Research Awards for SUMMER 2022 > 16 consecutive weeks of employment**

To be ELIGIBLE TO APPLY for an award, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, or a Protected Person;
- be registered, at the time you apply, in a bachelor's degree program;
- have obtained a cumulative average of at least 75% in your previous university academic year (college transfer students and Year 1 students must have at least a 75% average at the end of the current year).

To HOLD an award, you must:

- have completed all the course requirements of at least the first year of university study (or two academic terms) of your bachelor's degree;
- have been registered in the term immediately before holding the award in a bachelor's degree program;
- be registered in a bachelor's degree program;
- **have not** started a graduate studies program;
- be engaged on a full-time basis in research and development activities in the natural sciences or engineering during tenure of the award (16 consecutive weeks); and,
- work under the supervision of a faculty member authorized to supervise students
- have a proposed research project that clearly lies within natural sciences and engineering

**NOTE:** USRAs may be held during co-op placements

**NEW OPPORTUNITY:** Successful students will be invited to present a poster summarizing their research at a research fair held in the August at Lakehead University. Should this not be possible, 5 minute virtual presentations will be held instead. Gain experience creating a poster, presenting findings and add it to your resume!

**ELIGIBLE DEPARTMENTS / FACULTIES**

Anthropology Applied Life Sciences Biology Business Administration Chemistry Computer Science Chemical Engineering	Civil Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Software Engineering Geography Geology Kinesiology	Mathematical Sciences Natural Resources Management Northern Ontario School of Medicine Physics Psychology Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute
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**PROCEDURE:**

Contact your Faculty/Department administrative assistant or award representative for a list of researchers in your discipline.

**DEADLINES:**

Check with your faculty/department for the earlier internal faculty/department deadline.

Complete application package & faculty/department recommendation due January 31, 2022



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) Program- Summer 2022

#### DEADLINES:

Student packages to Faculty/Department: deadlines vary- see faculty/department  
Faculty/Dept packages to Student Awards & Financial Aid: January 31, 2022

**Student-** maximum 3 university USRAs in undergraduate university career

- a. Contact a proposed researcher or your program faculty/department administrative assistant for a listing of potential researchers if needed.
- b. [Login to the NSERC USRA website](#) and complete **Form 202 Part I** online, uploading a copy of your unofficial transcript. Print a copy of the form to include in your package. NOTE: An official transcript with current grades (minimum 1 year university level) will be required for successful recipients in February.  
[Link to NSERC USRA Program Information](#)
- c. Forward the NSERC reference number to your proposed researcher.
- d. Request a copy of NSERC **Form 202 Part II** from the researcher to include in your package.
- e. In 250 words (double spaced), outline your research interest and goals.
- f. Submit your portion of the application package to your program faculty/department by their deadline. Inquire how the administrative assistant would like to receive your NSERC materials:
  - i. Form 202 Part I: save as LAST NAME, First – Form 202 Part I
  - ii. Form 202 Part II: save as LAST NAME, First – Form 202 Part I
  - iii. A copy of your unofficial Lakehead University Transcript that includes fall grades: save as LAST NAME, First – Transcript
  - iv. Research Interest & Goals: save as LAST, First – Research Interest & Goals
- g. **NSERC USRA Student Reference Form** – Download from the Lakehead website and complete the 'Student Profile and Deadline' section and forward to a professor of your choice (max 2 references) that can speak to your interest in research and your potential. Ensure that your department contact info and deadline is in the email so that it can be forwarded by your professor before the faculty/department's internal deadline date.

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**Researcher** - authorized to supervise students with a proposed research project that clearly lies within natural sciences and engineering

If you would like to work with a student that may be granted a NSERC USRA Award (subsidy), complete the following:

- a. [Login to the NSERC USRA Online Services](#) and complete **Form 202 Part II** online.

The following information is required:

- i. Student Name and Form 202 Part I Reference Number
- ii. Proposed Research Project Outline

Please refer to this [link for assistance](#) in completing Form 202 Part II:

- b. Email completed Form 202 Part II to the student.

**NOTE:** Please consider the number of students that can be supervised at one time

### **Faculty/Department Administrative Assistants**

All submissions to be saved in a specified google drive folder. Please contact Cheryl Ellis, Student Awards & Financial Aid at [cellis@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:cellis@lakeheadu.ca) to gain access to your department folder and the outlined process.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Ellis at [cellis@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:cellis@lakeheadu.ca).  
Thank you for your interest in undergraduate research at Lakehead University!