



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

Undergraduate Research Awards for SUMMER 2021 > 16 consecutive weeks of employment

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

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- be registered, at the time you apply, in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university;
- have obtained, over the previous years of university level study, a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of 75%);
- have obtained an overall average of at least 75% in your previous university academic year (college transfer 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 at an eligible university;
- **have not** started a program of graduate studies in the natural sciences or engineering;
- be engaged on a full-time basis in research and development activities in the natural sciences or engineering during tenure of the award; and,
- work under the supervision of a faculty member who holds an active NSERC research grant (e.g. Discovery, CREATE, Strategic, Research Partnerships), either at the time you submit the application or when you hold the award

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 29, 2021



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) Program- Summer 2021

DEADLINES:

Student packages to Faculty/Department: deadlines vary- see faculty/dept
Faculty/Dept packages emailed to Student Awards & Financial Aid: January 29, 2021

Student- maximum 3 university USRAs in undergraduate university career

- a. Contact a proposed NSERC USRA researcher or your faculty/department administrative assistant for a listing of potential researchers
- 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.
http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp
- c. Forward the NSERC reference number to your proposed NSERC researcher.
- d. Request a copy of NSERC **Form 202 Part II** from the researcher to include in your package.
- e. Submit your portion of the application package to your faculty/department by their deadline. Inquire how the administrative assistant would like to receive your NSERC materials:
 - i. Form 202 Part I
 - ii. Form 202 Part II
 - iii. A copy of your unofficial Lakehead University Transcript that includes fall grades.
- f. **NSERC USRA Student Reference Form** - Complete the 'Student Profile and Deadline' section and forward to a professor of your choice (max 2 references). 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.

Researcher

If you have an NSERC USRA, Discovery or Collaborative Research & Development grant for 2021 summer and 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:
http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp

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- b. Complete **Form 202 Part II online**. You will require the following information:
 - i. Student Name and Form 202 Part I Reference Number
 - ii. Proposed Research Project OutlinePlease refer to this link for assistance in completing Form 202 Part II:
https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp#Part_II
- c. 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

- a. Set departmental contact and deadline (*allow time view while meeting Student Awards & Financial Aid deadline*).
- b. Receive application packages from the student: NSERC USRA Application Forms 202, Part I and Part II, student transcript. The NSERC USRA Student Reference Form may be sent directly to your office by the student's professor or may accompany the student's package.
- c. Rank NSERC USRA applicants and provide comments on the NSERC USRA Recommendation Form if applicable.
- d. Email package to Cheryl Ellis, Student Awards & Financial Aid at cellis@lakeheadu.ca by **Friday, January 29, 2021**.
 - a. Lakehead University NSERC USRA Recommendation Form; and,
 - b. Separate files for each student application package(s), labelled LAST name, First name and scanned in the following order if possible:
 - i. Form 202 Part I
 - ii. Form 202 Part II
 - iii. NSERC USRA Student Reference Form and reference letter(s)
 - iv. Student transcript

Should you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Ellis at cellis@lakeheadu.ca.

Thank you for your interest in undergraduate research at Lakehead University!