

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards 2021 Competition

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE SUPERVISORS

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Supervisors no longer need to hold an active grant** but they must be authorized by their university to independently supervise students. [Ryerson eligibility: **RFA members only**].
 - The suitability of the supervision will be evaluated by the university as part of the award selection process.
2. The proposed research project clearly lies in the natural sciences and/or engineering [i.e. aligned with NSERC's mandate].
 - The suitability of the research project will be evaluated by the university as part of the award selection process. Projects deemed outside of the NSE will be deemed ineligible and the application will be withdrawn from the competition.

It is not necessary for the proposed supervisor's research program to be exclusively within the NSE.

FACULTY FUNDING SUPPLEMENT

The **minimum** award cost for 2021 is **\$9,177** for 16 weeks/560 hours (which includes \$14.25/hr plus 15% mandatory benefits), which includes the NSERC contribution is \$6,000. It is the supervisor's responsibility to fund the remaining amount [**\$3,177**].

A higher supplement may be offered at the discretion of the Supervisor/Department/Faculty using other sources such as internal university funds, NSERC grants, or other eligible research funds.

IMPORTANT: By submitting the Form 202 in the NSERC On-line Services Portal, the supervisor is acknowledging the requirement for supplemental funding and confirming that they have access to the aforementioned supplemental funding required.

Note: In the event that their student is a successful nominee for the USRA, the supervisor will need to provide OVPRI with the source of the supplemental funding before the recommendation for the award can be forwarded to NSERC.

There will be a limit of one (1) award per Supervisor.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Read the Program Description and the Instructions for Completing an Application and the FAQ before starting the Application Process: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/ug-pc/usra-brpc_eng.asp

Create or access the USRA application form on the NSERC On-Line System login at: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp

To view instructions for completing an application – Form 202: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp

1) NSERC Form 202 Part I – **to be completed by the Student/Applicant**

- Complete the online application and provide the reference number (not your PIN) to your research supervisor.
- Upload a copy of your most up-to-date transcript(s) from all university programs and the legend explaining acronyms.
- Download/print and take to your proposed Supervisor to discuss the research project and your role to be described in Part II.

2) NSERC Form 202 Part II – **to be completed & submitted by the Proposed Supervisor**

- Select Form 202 Part II under the heading Forms – Researcher
- Enter the reference number for the student, and complete all the modules necessary to create a Form 202 Part II
- Verify the form using the button on the Portfolio screen to ensure your application is complete (status will appear as “completed”)
- **Click the Submit to LO button** to complete the online application process
- If the supervisor does not verify the application, the “Submit to LO” button will not appear

Outline of Proposed Research Project, Student’s Role, *Expected Quality of Training to be Received (*new requirement this year)

A brief description of your proposed summer research project is required on Form 202 Part II. You should fully understand the contents of this outline and we assume collaboration between student and professor in preparing this part of the application. There must be a statement of your involvement in the project. These sections should include:

- An outline of the possible methodology for your proposed research project.
- A statement of the purpose of your research - i.e., what you hope to achieve/potential impact.
- An outline of the student’s role in the project
- An outline of the training plan and research environment (e.g. quality and extent of training, opportunity for hands-on training - including EDI considerations).