## Application Instructions for NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)

As part of Dalhousie University, the Faculty of Agriculture has been awarded three USRA positions for the summer of 2018. An **internal competition** will be held to select candidates for these positions.

Students interested in applying should:

- 1. Consult with an eligible supervisor.
- 2. Ensure that **official transcripts** for all post-secondary institutions attended are sent directly to Sara Murphy, Research Office, Cumming Hall.
- 3. Complete an application for the internal competition. This application must include:
  - a. a completed research questionnaire form (two pages maximum)
  - b. a **resume**. Include information on your research experience and extra-curricular activities that demonstrate communication and leadership skills
  - c. a **letter of application**. outline why you are applying for the award, who your potential supervisor would be, how an award will contribute to your short-term and long-term career plans, and the role of the NSERC USRA in helping you to meet your future goals.
  - d. **unofficial transcripts** if the official copy cannot be received by the deadline.



Complete applications must be submitted to Sara Murphy, Research Office, Cumming Hall by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.** 

The students selected from the internal competition will then be required, within a short timeframe, to complete an on-line application for NSERC.

If you have questions regarding the Faculty of Agriculture USRA awards, please contact Dr. Chris Cutler, Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, at 902-893-6653, or by email at <u>chris.cutler@dal.ca</u>.