



Sarah Lawson Research Scholarships

The Biology Department administers the Sarah Lawson scholarship fund to support 4-5 Biology or Marine Biology students to conduct BOTANICAL research during the summer. The scholarships are valued at approximately \$7,500 in total and can be held for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 months.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Student must have **completed their 2nd. year of study** and be a **Biology or Marine Biology Major or Honours student with an academic record suitable for honours and graduate study (B+ GPA in your Biology classes)**. The scholarship is primarily intended for Biology or Marine Biology honours students who will be able to use the **summer research toward their honours thesis**. The scholarship is not intended to provide summer employment for students who have very high academic records but are planning on entering professional schools, such as Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, etc. upon completion of their undergraduate degree.
2. Research **must be in BOTANY**. The project must be well designed and supervised and should lead to **new knowledge about any species of plant, algae or fungi**. Projects that only superficially address a botanical subject, such as the feeding habits of animals that eat plants, are not appropriate for Sarah Lawson support.
3. The supervisor does not have to be a member of the Biology department and does not have to hold an NSERC Research Award but should be someone who is actively conducting peer-reviewed research.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Submit:

1. Parts 1 and 2 of the Application Form
2. An unofficial copy of your transcript



Sarah Lawson Research Scholarship ~ Student Application Form

PART 1:

Name:
Student #:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Program & Year of Study:
Dates of Proposed Work Period (minimum 3 months and maximum 4 months):

PROPOSED SUPERVISOR OF PROJECT AND THEIR LOCATION:

Name:
Location:
Phone:
Email:



PART 2: Use a maximum of 500 words for each topic.

- A. Explain why you want to do botanical research this summer, what you hope to achieve from this opportunity and why you feel that the Honours Committee should consider funding your summer research program. Please specify whether this research will be related to your honours thesis.

- B. Provide a one-page research project proposal, including an outline of the experimental design. Take care that the project is eligible for Sarah Lawson funding according to the guidelines listed above, under Eligibility.

When submitting your application, include: 1) Part 1 and 2 of your application, and 3) a current unofficial transcript.

The student applicant must bundle these three documents into A SINGLE PDF FILE and email it to Dr. Margaret Cooper (mhcooper@dal.ca) by 16 February 2024.