

SARAH LAWSON RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FEBRUARY 17, 2017

The Biology Department administers the **SARAH LAWSON** scholarship fund to support **4-5** Biology students to **conduct BOTANICAL research during the summer**. The scholarships are valued at **approximately \$1,500/month and can be held for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 months**.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Student must have **completed your 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/B+ GPA in your Biology classes)**. The scholarship is primarily intended for 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.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Application forms are available in Biology's main office, LSC 2078 or at the Biology department's website at:

<http://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/biology/programs/undergraduate/scholarships-and-awards.html>

- Submit:
1. Parts 1 and 2 of the Application Form
 2. An unofficial copy of your transcript
 3. Ask a Faculty Member to Submit Part 3 of the Application form by the deadline

**Completed applications should be directed by February 17, 2017
to: Dr. Nancy McAllister-Irwin, Main Office, Biology
Department.**

SARAH LAWSON RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FORM

*PARTS 1 AND 2 ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT.
PART 3 IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A REFEREE.*

PART 1: to be completed by the student

NAME: _____

STUDENT #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PROGRAMME AND YEAR OF STUDY: _____

PROPOSED SUPERVISOR OF PROJECT AND HIS/HER LOCATION: (The supervisor does not have to be a member of the Biology department and doesn't have to hold an NSERC Research Award but should be someone who is actively conducting peer-reviewed research.)

NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL : _____

PROPOSED WORK PERIOD (minimum 3 months, maximum 4 months):

From: _____ **To:** _____

Please also submit an unofficial copy of your transcript.

PART 2: To be completed by the student; provide this information on separate sheets, using a maximum of 1 single spaced page 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 programme. 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 on the Call for Applications.

PART 3: Evaluation of the candidate (name) _____

This should be completed by a faculty member who is familiar with the student's work, but must be someone other than the proposed supervisor of the Sarah Lawson research. Submit to: **Dr. Nancy McAllister-Irwin, Main Office, Biology Department, by February 17, 2017**

Please rank the student's ability to work independently and exercise initiative on a research project.

Top 10% ____ Top 20% ____ Top 50% ____ Bottom 50% ____

This is based on a comparison group of: _____

Comment on the student's qualifications for a Sarah Lawson scholarship:

Name of Referee (please print) _____

Position and Location _____

Signature _____

Date _____