

Guidelines - Faculty of Science Summer Research Awards 2015

NSERC USRA, Cunningham, Sobey, Laing, Warr, Witherspoon, IMHOTEP Legacy

Objective

These awards are meant to stimulate your interest in research in the natural sciences. They are also meant to encourage you to undertake graduate studies and pursue a research career in these fields. If you would like to gain research experience in an academic setting, these awards can provide you with financial support through Dalhousie University.

Student eligibility summary

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- Registered (at the time you apply) as a full-time student in a **BSc program** (or equivalent) in the natural sciences
- Cumulative grade of A- or better over the previous years of study
- Completed the course requirements of at least the first 2 years of university study toward a BSc
- During tenure of the award, the student will be employed full-time in research activities in the natural sciences

For more on rules and eligibility see: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp

Host laboratory eligibility: Faculty of the host laboratory must have an active NSERC grant at the time of tenure of the USRA. Two awards will be available for students who wish to work with supervisors holding SSHRC awards.

Award value and duration

NSERC funds each award at \$4,500 and each supervisor is required to supplement the award by at least 25% (a minimum of \$1,125). The Laing, Warr, Sobey and Cunningham and IMHOTEP awards are valued at an additional \$500 to \$1500.

Awards in the Faculty of Science are tenable between May 1 and September 1, 2015. **Awards are for a period of 16 weeks within this time period, arranged at the mutual convenience of student and supervisor.** Salary will be paid monthly.

Application/Deadline Contact your department representative (listed below) for deadline and application procedures.

Note: If you are currently registered in any X/Y classes (other than your honour's thesis), you will need to obtain a written statement for those classes from your professor(s) indicating your mid-year mark.

Selection: Students will be selected based on the student's **academic record** and **research aptitude**, in accordance with the objectives of the USRA program as detailed by NSERC. The Undergraduate Research Committee will complete the selection process by late February 2015. Applicants and prospective supervisors will be informed of the results of the competition by electronic mail.

Department Contacts

Science students should contact the coordinator for the department in which they wish to hold the award:

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Computer Science students: Contact Angie Bolivar (angie@cs.dal.ca, 494-2740)

Agriculture students (Truro campus): Contact Richard Donald or Heather Hughes (Richard.Donald@dal.ca, Heather.Hughes@dal.ca, 902 893-6360)