

Department of Earth and Environmental Science Guidelines for Faculty of Science Summer Research Awards

Overview

The Faculty of Science Summer Research Awards are meant to nurture undergraduate student interest and fully develop potential for a research career in the natural sciences and engineering. The awards are also meant to encourage undergraduates to undertake graduate studies in these fields by providing research work experience that complements studies in an academic setting. The award amount provided is \$6000, to be augmented by the research supervisor by at least \$3000.

Student Eligibility

- Registered (at the time you apply) as a full-time student in an Earth and Environmental Science undergraduate or related programme, at Dalhousie or another Canadian university,
- Completed at least two years of undergraduate study,
- Have strong academic standing (Minimum GPA is 3.7, as calculated based on the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent)),
- Available for full-time employment in scientific research activities for 14-16 weeks during tenure of the award, between May and August of the award year, or as a similar time-period as agreed upon with the supervisor,
- Possesses Canadian citizenship/permanent residence,
- Have not held more than three previous Summer Research Awards as an undergraduate,
- For additional rules and eligibility particular to NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards, see: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp

Supervisor Eligibility

- Have an active research program and hold a research grant (tri-council or other),
- Have an academic appointment in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Dalhousie University and hold Regular or Adjunct (Retired) membership with the Dalhousie Faculty of Graduate Studies,
- The research project to be supervised must be in an area normally funded by the Tri-Council agency issuing the award.

Criteria for selection

- academic excellence,
- research potential and
- expected quality of the training and mentorship to be received,

- Preference will be given for students who have completed their second year of studies.

Application procedure

- Find a potential faculty supervisor (contact and ask to meet with various professors),
- E-mail the EES USRA Coordinator (Shannon.sterling@dal.ca) if you have questions,
- Complete (and have your prospective supervisor complete) the 2023 Summer Research Awards Application form (available on the departmental website),
- Submit form and transcripts to the Coordinator (Shannon.sterling@dal.ca) before January 27, 2022. (Students may apply to work with more than one supervisor),
- Notification of the award will be made in February.