

Guidelines - Summer Research Awards 2023

Objective

Summer research awards provide paid employment opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in scientific research at Dalhousie. If you would like to gain research experience in an academic setting, these awards can provide you with financial support. ***The following criteria and procedures are for students applying for a summer research award to work with a research supervisor from the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University.***

Student eligibility

- Registered (at the time you apply) as a full-time student in a **Science program**
- Applying to work with a supervisor from the Faculty of Science or Faculty of Medicine
- Strong academic standing (minimum GPA > 3.0)
- Available for full-time employment in scientific research activities for 16 weeks during tenure of the award. Note that most awards will be held May to August, but students may be permitted to hold their award during the Fall or Winter term. Please discuss with your Department Coordinator.
- Canadian citizenship/permanent residence required for some but not all awards

Consult your Department website for department-specific eligibility requirements. For additional USRA rules and eligibility see: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp

Host laboratory eligibility

- Supervisor must have an active research program and hold a research grant (tri-council or other) to supervise students with a summer research award.
- Supervisor must normally have an academic appointment in the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Medicine.
- For NSERC USRA awards, the research project must be in an area normally funded by NSERC.

Application procedure (for student)

- (1) Find a potential faculty supervisor (contact and ask to meet with various professors).
- (2) Consult your supervisor's departmental website for the submission deadline and any supplemental information requirements. E-mail the Coordinator (below) if you have questions.
- (3) Complete (and have your prospective supervisor complete) the 2023 Summer Research Awards Application form. **Please do not use an outdated application form.**
- (4) Submit form and transcripts to the Coordinator (below) for the **home department of your potential supervisor**.
- (5) Students may apply to work with more than one supervisor.

Selection: Award winners are selected by departments 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 completes the selection process by late February. Applicants and prospective supervisors are informed of the results via e-mail by mid-March.

Use this form if your proposed supervisor's home department is listed below.

Supervisor department

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Earth & Environmental Sciences
 Economics
 Mathematics & Statistics
 Medical Neuroscience
 Microbiology & Immunology
 Oceanography
 Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences
 Pathology
 Pharmacology
 Physics & Atmospheric Sciences
 Physiology & Biophysics
 Psychology & Neuroscience

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If your program or your supervisor's home department is not listed above (in the Faculty of Science or Medicine), please consult the corresponding Faculty to determine the application procedure.

Supervisor's home Faculty

Faculty of Agriculture
 Faculty of Computer Science
 Faculty of Dentistry
 Faculty of Engineering
 Faculty of Health (e.g., Health Promotion, Kinesiology, Physiotherapy)
 Faculty of Management

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