



# How to secure an undergraduate research position



## Explore research awards

Learn more about the available awards here:  
[eng.mcmaster.ca/research-innovation/student-research-innovation/undergraduate-research](https://eng.mcmaster.ca/research-innovation/student-research-innovation/undergraduate-research)



## Find a supervisor

Identify professors who are conducting research on topics that align with your interests. You can explore research clusters and learn about individual professors on the MacEng website:  
[eng.mcmaster.ca/faculty-staff/faculty-directory](https://eng.mcmaster.ca/faculty-staff/faculty-directory)



## Reach out & interview

You could approach a professor after class, attend their office hours, connect with them on LinkedIn, visit them at a Research Fair, leverage a mutual contact, or simply email them! If you hear back, it's time to prepare for an interview. This could come in the form of a lab tour, informal or formal meeting or no interview at all. For guidance on how to navigate this process, connect with a Career Educator at the Centre: [eng.mcmaster.ca/co-op-career-experience/our-team](https://eng.mcmaster.ca/co-op-career-experience/our-team)



## Apply

Apply through **AwardSpring** ([mcmaster.awardspring.ca](https://mcmaster.awardspring.ca)) to be considered for research awards. First, complete the General Application. The Dashboard will then display the awards that you are eligible to apply for. Complete and submit the relevant application(s). Make sure you have supervisor approval and all the necessary documentation before you apply!

### Contact us

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