

# NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards

## About the award

The NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRAs) are intended to stimulate interest in research in the natural sciences and engineering. They are also meant to encourage students to undertake graduate studies and pursue a research career in these fields. They help students gain research work experience that complements studies in an academic setting. These awards can help provide students with financial support through their host university.

## NSERC USRA at a glance



**\$6,000**

+ supervisor contribution



**14-16 weeks**

on a full-time basis



**40+ awards available**

+ additional allocations

## Eligibility criteria

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada as of the deadline date for applications at the university;
- be registered, at the time you apply, in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university;
- be a current full-time student of an Undergraduate Program;
- have a minimum cGPA of B-.

## Application details

### Step 1. Apply through the **NSERC portal**:

- Submit Form 202 Part 1 (save reference number).
- Supervisor submits Form 202 Part 2 (using reference number above).
- Submit unofficial transcript(s).
- Self-identify on the NSERC portal if you identify as Black and/or Indigenous.

### Step 2. Apply through **AwardSpring**:

- Complete the General Application. If eligible, the NSERC USRA Application will appear on your Dashboard. Complete the supplementary questions in the application.
- Save Form 202 Parts 1 and 2 as one PDF file, and unofficial transcript(s), and upload as an attachment in your application.