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# 2015 NSERC USRA Information Session

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# What is a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (**NSERC**) Undergraduate Student Research Award (**USRA**)?

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- NSERC USRAs enable undergraduate students the opportunity to gain hands-on research experience under the supervision of one of York's NSERC funded faculty members
- These awards are meant to stimulate your interest in the natural sciences and engineering and encourage you to pursue graduate school and/or research-related industry careers



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- **Amount:** students supported by an NSERC USRA award will receive **at least \$5,625** over a 16-week period (April 27, 2015 – August 14, 2015)
  - \$4,500 from NSERC
  - \$1,125 from your supervisor
- **Deadline:** Check with your proposed supervisor's home Department to **confirm internal deadline dates**



# Eligibility: *Students*



In order to apply, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You are a **Canadian citizen** or **permanent resident** of Canada
- You are **registered** (at the time you apply) in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university
- You have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least **"B"**. Please note, these awards are ***extremely competitive***
- At the time of the award, you have completed the requirements for your first year of university study (two academic terms)

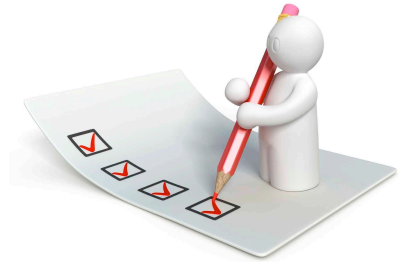
# Eligibility: *Students*



You are **NOT** eligible if:

- You have previously received a total of **three** NSERC USRAs
- You are currently enrolled in an undergraduate **professional** degree program in the health sciences (e.g., MD, DDS, BScN)

# Eligibility: *Faculty*



Your proposed supervisor must:

- Hold an **active NSERC research grant** at the time of the award (Summer 2015)
  - **Discovery Grant**
  - CREATE
  - Strategic Research Partnerships



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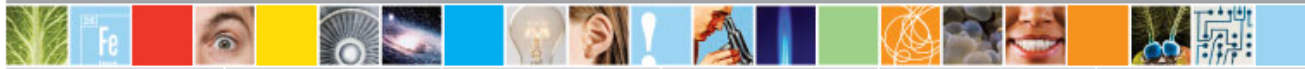
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[www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca)



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# How to apply:

- Students must identify a supervisor who is willing to support their application
- **Form 202** must be completed using NSERC's on-line system
  - **Part I:** completed by the **student**
    - A '**Reference Number**' will be generated when you begin filling out Part I – this number must be forwarded to your supervisor
  - **Part II:** filled out by the **supervisor**

The screenshot shows the NSERC website's registration page. At the top, there are logos for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) in both English and French, along with the Canadian flag. The main header features the NSERC logo and the website URL: www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Français', 'Home', 'Contact Us', 'Help', 'Search', and 'Canada Site'. The main content area is titled 'Security, Privacy and Use and Disclosure of Information' and contains a 'Main Menu' with links for 'Logout', 'Proactive Disclosure', and 'Proactive Disclosure'. The text explains that users must read and accept the NSERC's Security Statement, Access to Information Act and Privacy Act, and other policies before using the system. It also provides instructions for applicants and referees. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Login' section with a form for 'Account name (User ID)' and 'Password', and a 'Submit' button. The footer includes the date 'Date Modified: 2013-11-05', a 'Top of Page' link, and 'Important Notices'.



**FORM 202 - PART I**  
**Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award**

System-ID 300967190
Date

Reference No.				
Family name of student		Given name		Initial(s) of all given names
Personal Identification no. (PIN)				
<b>ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (including ongoing postsecondary degree)</b>				
Degree	Name of discipline	Institution	Department	Year and month of expected degree completion
At the time of application, you are attending a postsecondary institution?				
<input type="checkbox"/> full time?		<input type="checkbox"/> part time?		Have you ever held a USRA in the past?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS RECEIVED (start with most recent and include NSERC awards)</b>				
Name of award		Location of tenure		Period held (yyyy/mm - yyyy/mm)
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>				
Citizenship				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen		<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent resident (indicate date of landing as stated on official immigration document)		
Language of correspondence				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English		<input type="checkbox"/> French		
Current address			Permanent mailing address (if different from current address)	
If current address is temporary, indicate leaving date			Telephone number at permanent mailing address	
Telephone number at current address			E-mail address	



# How to apply:

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- At this stage, you **DO NOT** need to upload your transcript. If your application is successful in the competition, you will be contacted with instructions  
\*\*Please note: without your transcript uploaded, you will **NOT** be able to submit the application online – this is OK
- Once Form 202 Parts I and II are complete, a **hardcopy** must be submitted to your proposed supervisor's department

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**Please check with the Departmental office to confirm their internal deadline**

# Important Links

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- NSERC's website:

<http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

- NSERC's on-line system:

[https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc\\_web/nserc\\_login\\_e.htm](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm)

- NSERC registration:

[https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc\\_web/nserc\\_register\\_e.htm](https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_register_e.htm)

- Form 202 Instructions:

<http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/e.asp>



# The Decision Process



- Each department ranks the USRA applications they receive
  - Speak to your department to *confirm their deadlines and internal processes*
- Awards will be granted based primarily on **GPA**, but previous research experience etc. *may* be considered
- The Faculty committees will review and finalize the departmental rankings
- Successful applicants will be notified in **early March**
- A total of **?** USRA applications will be awarded this year. Last year, we received **41**. I have not received this year's quota.

# Where to go for assistance

- Your proposed supervisor
- The Departmental office to which you are applying
- The Faculty of Science Research Officer  
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Phone: 613-947-0428 (general questions)  
or  
613-995-4273  
(problems with the on-line system)

