NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards
2018 Competition

OVERVIEW AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCESS

Ryerson Quota	Up to 29 USRAs can be awarded at Ryerson
Award Details	$4,500 from NSERC plus Supervisor's supplement. The duration of the award is 16 consecutive weeks, on a full time basis for a period between April 30 (earliest start date) and August 31, 2018 (latest end date).
University Application Deadlines	(1) Student/Supervisor Submission Deadline: **Set by the Department/School**. ❖ Completed **hard copy** application (Form 202-Parts I & II) & **student statement** submitted to your designated Supervisor's Department/School. (2) Department/School Application Ranking Deadline: **March 2, 2018 by 4pm** to OVPRI ❖ Ranked Department Listing/Applications submitted to Linda Hurrell, Grants/Contracts Officer in OVPRI.
Student Eligibility	You must: • Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada; • Be registered, at the time you apply, in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university • **Have obtained over the previous years of study a cumulative GPA of 3.5** • Have completed all the course requirements of at least the first year of university study (2 academic terms) of your bachelor's degree; • Be engaged on a full-time basis in research and development activities in the natural sciences or engineering during the tenure of the award You may hold a maximum of 3 USRAs throughout your (undergraduate) university career. NOTE: if you are currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences you are ineligible. However, NSERC has confirmed that students enrolled in the Ryerson School of Nutrition Years 1-2 will be eligible to apply for a USRA but students enrolled in Years 3-4 are subject to prior review by the University/NSERC.
How to Apply **USRA application video** **http://www.nserccrsng.gc.ca/StudentsEtudiants/VideosVideos/usrabrpct_eng.asp**	Speak to your prospective Supervisor and secure their agreement to sponsor your USRA application. Confirm the Department/School deadline for submission of the completed USRA application (Parts I & II) and Student Statement (see details below). Read the Program Description and the Instructions for Completing an Application and the FAQ before starting the Application Process: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/ug-pc/usra-brpc_eng.asp Former applicants can login to the NSERC On-Line System to create a new 2018 online application. New applicants must create a profile before creating an application. Create or access the USRA application form on the NSERC On-Line System login at: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp To view forms and instructions, select PDF Forms and Instructions for Students and Fellows: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires_eng.asp

How to Apply (continued)	**STUDENT COMPONENT:** **1) Form 202 Part I** Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award • Complete the online application and provide the reference number (not your PIN) to your research supervisor. • Upload a copy of your most up-to-date transcript(s) from <mark>all</mark> university programs and the legend explaining acronyms (see page 3 for more on NSERC transcript requirements). **NOTE: If you are offered a USRA, you must obtain an official transcript and submit with your Acceptance of Award to OVPRI.** • Download/print and take to your proposed Supervisor to discuss the research project to be described in Part II. **2) Student Statement** – 250-500 word statement describing your research interests and how the NSERC USRA will benefit your future academic/career goals. If you have previously held an NSERC USRA (or have previous research experience), please describe what your role in the previous project was and what you learned from the experience. **SUPERVISOR COMPONENT:** **Form 202 Part II** Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award • Complete the online application. • Download/print the complete application **NOTE: Submit the application (Parts I and II) along with the Student Statement to the Supervisor's Department/School by its internal deadline. Please be sure to keep a copy for yourself.**
Review Process	The University Internal Review Committee will assess the **ranked** USRA applications submitted by the Departments/Schools and will recommend USRAs up to the NSERC allocation quota. There will be a limited wait list (normally 3 eligible/ranked applicants) OVPRI will notify students and supervisors of the outcome of the University assessment/review. Successful applicants will be asked to confirm acceptance by mid-April.
Department Contact	**As designated by each department.** This person is your first contact for the department internal deadline and identification of potential/eligible supervisors.
OVPRI Contact	**Linda Hurrell, Grants Officer (Natural Sciences & Engineering), Lhurrell@ryerson.ca** This person is the liaison between the Department, the University Selection Committee and NSERC. **Individual student applications will not be accepted/should not be submitted directly to OVPRI.**

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NSERC TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

Official, up-to-date transcripts for all university programs must be provided**

The transcripts must be uploaded and saved into a single PDF file. They must be scanned as a black and white printed document, and whenever possible, in portrait style. You must include **one copy** of the legend located on the back side of each transcript. Do not scan the legend multiple times. The purpose of uploading the legend is to help the committees and NSERC understand the grading system at each postsecondary institution.

In this context, official transcripts are those that show the name of the institution, the program in which you are enrolled, your complete course of study, your marks and the legend explaining acronyms etc. We realize that transcripts provided directly to students are not official according to the definitions in use at Canadian universities. **Grade summaries that show only one term's marks are not acceptable.**

To be up-to-date, transcripts must show the term before the application was prepared. For example, if you applied to your university USRA competition in February, the transcript must show the previous Fall (September to December) term's marks.

Transcripts that meet these criteria will be accepted for University USRA applications even if they are labeled unofficial.

*For students applying from other Universities - **official**, up-to-date transcripts for all university programs must be provided.

NOTE: NSERC may require that official, original documents be provided after the completed application has been submitted to NSERC; therefore **applicants recommended for an NSERC USRA must submit an official, original transcript with the completed University Acceptance Statement.**

For Ryerson University: official transcripts may be requested online at Current Students Home page (Forms): http://ryerson.ca/content/dam/currentstudents/forms/Transcript_Request.pdf