2020 NSERC USRA & DURA Information Session
Faculty of Science

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

• NSERC USRAs enable undergraduate students the opportunity to gain hands-on research experience under the supervision of one of York’s 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 & duration:**
  - $7,850 over a CONSECUTIVE 16-week period
    - $4,500 from NSERC
    - $3,350 from your supervisor & Faculty
  - Full-time, 16 weeks (end of April – mid-Aug 2020)

- **Deadline:**
  - Check with your proposed supervisor’s home Faculty to confirm deadline dates
  - Faculty of Science: **February 21, 2020**
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
- At the time you apply, you have completed the requirements for your first year of university study (two academic terms)
- You have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least “B”. Please note, these awards are **extremely competitive**
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: *Students*

If you are an *International student*, you are eligible for DURA only
- Check off “Canadian citizen” on Form 202
- Clearly write “International student” on the hardcopy
New this year

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    - **Student**
    - 1 paragraph Research Interest Statement
      - Why are you interested in working on this project/with this professor
      - Past experience & skills you will bring
      - What you hope to gain
      - Future plans
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    - **Supervisor** (PART II of Form 202)
      - Type of supervision & mentorship
      - Activities that the student will participate in
      - Skills to be gained
      - EDI considerations
The Decision Process

• Each department ranks the USRA applications they receive
  • Speak to your department to confirm their deadlines and internal processes

• In Science, the awards will be granted based on
  – GPA (transcripts)
  – Research aptitude (Research Interest Statement provided by student)
  – Quality of training (Training Plan provided by supervisor)

• ~ Equal distribution of awards to all FSc Departments
• Successful applicants will be notified in March
• Indigenous applicants with a B GPA are not included in the University quota
How to apply:

• Students must identify a supervisor who is willing to support their application

• Register/log in to NSERC’s online system

• Fill out Form 202
  • Part I (student) -> Forward Reference Number to supervisor
  • Part II (supervisor)

• Print hardcopy of Form 202 + 1 paragraph Research Interest Statement, deliver to Department by **February 21, 2020**

• Transcripts will be provided by departmental Administrative Assistants (home faculty)
How to apply:

• 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

Please check with the Departmental office to confirm their internal deadline
FSc: February 21
NSERC online:
https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp
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https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm
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Welcome Jacquelin De Faveri

Users of the eSubmission system will no longer be required to periodically change their passwords. However, for their own protection, users are encouraged to change their passwords regularly. Keep your password safe and confidential; do not divulge it to anyone. NSERC will not be held liable for any loss of your data should you neglect to protect your password.

Account Management
- Change Password
- Maintain User Profile

Forms Management
- Forms - Researcher
- Forms - Student
- Forms - Reviewer
- Forms - Partners
- Forms - Department Head
NSERC online:
https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm

Applications

Your in-progress and completed applications are listed in the table below (see Security Statement and Access to Information Act and Privacy Act for detailed information). To create a new application, select the appropriate form from the drop-down box below. To edit, preview/print or verify the completeness of a given application, click on the appropriate button below. Note that the Scholarships & Fellowships applications must be submitted electronically.

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Select form to be created
CGS - Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements
Form 202 Part 1 - Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)

Once you have created your application, the system will assign it a reference number. Once Part 1 is complete, you must provide this number to your proposed supervisor to enable him or her to complete Part 2. If you intend to apply a second time using your Form 202, do not forget to update it.

To supervisor
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NSERC online:
https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm

Select even if you are actually international
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Form 202 Part I - Personal Profile
This information was transferred from the New User Registration information screen. If you need to update these fields, use the Maintain User Profile function under Account Management on the eConsole screen.

- Family name: De Faveri
- Given name: Jacquelin
- Initial(s) of ALL given names: EC
- Previous family name: 
- NSERC PIN: 564512
- Email address: defaveri@yorku.ca

Citizenship
- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident

Date of landing as stated on official immigration document: YYYY MM DD

Self-identification statement:
Please note: Answers to the self-identification statement are not seen or used during the review process or by proposed research supervisors.

Statement: I self-identify as Indigenous.
I agree with the statement. I consent to this information being shared with my institution for the purpose of having my application be considered above the institution's USRA application quota.

This statement does not apply to me / I do not agree with the above statement.

What languages do you:
- Read: English ☑ French ☐
- Write: English ☑ French ☐
- Speak: English ☑ French ☐

Preferred language of correspondence: English
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Important Links

• NSERC’s website: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca

• NSERC’s on-line system: https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm

• NSERC registration: 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
Where to go for assistance

- Your proposed supervisor
- The Departmental office to which you are applying
- NSERC
  
  Email: [webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)
  
  Phone: 613-947-0428 (general questions)
  or
  613-995-4273
  (problems with the on-line system)
Where to go for assistance

• The Faculty of Science Research Officer (FSc, LA&PS, Schulich and FES)
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  Phone: x21087
  Joanne Sequeira
  Lumbers, 355
  Email: adminres@yorku.ca
  Phone: x22397
  fscro@yorku.ca

• Lassonde School of Engineering Research/Awards Officer
  (Lassonde)
  Christina Corre
  Email: resday@yorku.ca
  Phone: x44108

• The Faculty of Health Research Officer (FH and Glendon)
  Tasnuva Hasan
  Email: hasant@yorku.ca
  Phone: x22918
Questions?

- Canadian students must submit a separate application for DURA
- Students can apply to multiple Departments
- Students can take 1 course during the summer, with approval
- Attendance at the USRA conference is optional
- It’s ok to submit an application online