

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) CPS Application Process 2021 - 2022

CPS Application Deadline: Friday, January 29th, 2021 at 5:00PM.

Step 1: Eligibility

You are eligible to apply if all of the following applies to you:

- You are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- You are in 2nd or 3rd year with a B- average or better.

If you are an indigenous student, please make a note on your application as more fellowships can be added to the pool by NSERC if indigenous students apply.

Important Note: While only Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible for NSERC USRA, we encourage non-residents to apply as well (leave a note on your application!) as you may be eligible for the University of Toronto Excellence Award (UTEA), a very similar U of T fellowship without the citizenship/permanent residency requirement.

Step 2: Propose Supervisor Choices

You are **required** to list two supervisor that you wish to work with, ranking them as your first and second choice. You need to talk to your first choice of supervisor before you put their name down, and you are strongly encouraged to also talk to your second choice supervisor

If you only provide one choice, your application will be disqualified. You are strongly encouraged to select professors in different CPS disciplines (astronomy, chemistry, earth science, and physics).

Step 3: Submit Your Informal Statement of Interest

To be considered by the department for the NSERC USRA, the following documents must be scanned and emailed to the CPS Undergraduate Administrative Assistant, Eliza Escandar, at cpsug.utm@utoronto.ca:

- a) A page titled, "Application for an NSERC USRA with CPS" with your name, institution, student number, and your first and second choices for your supervisor (professors in CPS). If applicable, state your indigenous or non-residency status.

Note: your supervisor is selected from your two listed choices by the Awards Committee.

- b) You are strongly encouraged to include a CV or resume, especially if you have science-related extracurricular experiences or previous research experiences.