



Centre for Urban Environments Summer Research Award

The Centre for Urban Environments (CUE) is excited to announce the CUE Summer Research Awards (SRA) for spring/summer **2026**. The CUE-SRA is designed to immerse students in urban environmental research through independent projects and support for other researchers. This year we are accepting applications from undergraduate students only. Undergraduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Student applications will be evaluated based on academic excellence (50% weighting), past research experience and future research promise (25%), and the fit of the research proposal to CUE's mission of being a leader in research and training on topics related to urban environments (25%).

CUE-SRA students are expected to work under the supervision of their faculty mentors full-time (35h/week) for a 16-week period between May 1 and August 31 at the University of Toronto Mississauga or in the field, where at least half of their time will be spent on an independent research project. The total award from CUE is worth \$8,000.

Each faculty member may sponsor one application, and students can submit their electronic materials via email to cue@utoronto.ca.

All applications should include:

- Student's curriculum vitae detailing the student's work, volunteer and extra-curricular experience and activities
- One page personal statement outlining why the student is well suited to the award, including a description of their past research experience and future goals
- One page research proposal co-written by the faculty member and student
- Student's transcript. A screenshot or PDF printout of transcripts can be provided instead of an official transcript

Number of positions: 5

Period of the award: 16 weeks (May 4 - August 28, 2026)

Application deadline: February 27, 2026

Eligibility:

- Any full-time undergraduate student registered at a Canadian university at the time of application

- Students do not need to be a citizen or permanent resident, but require legal work status in Canada
- Faculty supervisors must be based at UTM

Health and Safety considerations:

Projects will be expected to follow all university guidelines related to health and safety.

Conditions of award:

- Any publications, presentations or reports should acknowledge funding from the Centre for Urban Environments (CUE) and list CUE as an affiliation
- If an undergraduate research day is organized by the OVPRI or OVPAD, students are expected to give either an oral or poster presentation
- Students must submit a 2-page report detailing their activities, progress, any challenges they experienced, and preliminary conclusions from their work
- Award recipients will prepare a brief video introducing their research, highlighting the research question, methods, and why the work matters. This video is a required component of the award and will be used for knowledge mobilization and outreach. These videos will be shown at the end of summer project celebration.