2021 NSERC USRA SUMMER AWARDS

1) NSERC USRA updates last year (2020-21) that continue this year
   - Supervisor eligibility: supervisors will no longer be required to hold an active NSERC grant to supervise a USRA student.
   - Travel allowance discontinued: Previously students coming from other institutions could claim a round trip travel allowance. This was rarely used and has been discontinued by NSERC.

2) New this year - Temporary change for 2021-22: Because of the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, awards will not be pro-rated this competition year. Anyone awarded a USRA will receive the full $6,000 from NSERC and the minimum 25% top-up ($1,500) from the department. Requests for shortened work terms need not be submitted.

3) Selection process: At UofT the selection is undertaken at the departmental level (against their quota) using NSERC assessment criteria. In 2020 a third criterion was added (c, below).
   - a. Academic record
   - b. Research aptitude
   - c. Expected quality of the training to be received (suitability of the supervisor)
   As with all internal research competitions, it is expected that principles of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) will be incorporated into the selection process.

4) NSERC USRA Overview
   - To provide research work experience that will fully develop students potential for a research career in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE)
   - to inspire students to consider graduate studies and pursue careers in the (NSE)
   - NSERC encourages qualified Indigenous students to apply for this award. Award Value: $6,000, plus a minimum 25% supplement ($1,500) provided by the department – would be over and above the quota, i.e. does not count towards the quota
   - Any supplement above 25%/$1,500 may be set at the department or supervisor’s discretion.
     Departments may provide fringe benefits. Eligible sources for supplement can include NSERC grants, research funds from university and other sources.

5) NSERC USRA – Summer Life Cycle

   End of January
   NSERC releases the U of T quota

   January / February
   RSO calculates and share quota with USRA departments

   April 5 all USRA applications are submitted in NSERC system & to RSO

   By May 3 RSO to provide NSERC with all applications to NSERC
UofT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Step 1: Student Eligibility
- Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.
- Registered either full-time or part-time at the time of USRA application
- Must have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of "B" or "B-", if applicable)

Step 2: Supervisor Eligibility
- NSERC considers anyone that meets eligibility to apply for, and hold, grant funds according to NSERC's Eligibility Criteria for Faculty (the supervisor need not hold an active NSERC award)
  - Hold, or have a firm offer of, an academic appointment at a Canadian Institution (minimum three-year position or tenure track) as of September 1, 2021
  - Be in a position that requires independent research and allows supervision of HQP

Step 3a: NSERC On-Line System – First time users need to register:
- NSERC Initial registration for new users: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices- ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp
Step 3b: NSERC On-Line System - Complete Form 202 Part I

- NSERC PDF Forms and Instructions: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires_eng.asp)
Form 202 Part I - Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)

Once you have created your application, the system will assign it a reference number. Once Part I is complete, you must provide this number to your proposed supervisor to enable him or her to complete Part II. If you intend to apply a second time using your Form 202, do not forget to update it.
Step 3c: NSERC On-Line System- Complete Form 202 Part II

Form 202 Part II - Project Profile

Program Undergraduate Student Research Awards

Student name Baylon, Joanna

Student Reference Number 807032

Proposed work term Summer

Year 2015

Title of proposed research project Testing (100 chars)

Research subject code Use the 'List...' button

Application language English  French

Institution that will administer the award Toronto

Department Research Services, Office of

Natural Science and Engineering Conseil de recherches en sciences et en génie

Research Council of Canada National Research Council of Canada

FORM 202 - PART II

Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award

In accordance with the Privacy Act, this information will be accessible to the student. Read the instructions before you complete this application.

Family name of student/Reference No. Dzamova Keri / 381495

Given name/Title Dr./4498

Name and title of proposed supervisor

Dzamova Keri / 381495 Associate Professor

E-mail of proposed supervisor dzamova.keri@utoronto.ca

Institution/organization that will administer the award

Department Research Services, Office of

Grant application to, proposed supervisor

Valid 381495

Address or location of tenure

12 Queens Park Cres

Toronto ON M5S15B

CANADA

Proposed Start Date

2020/03/01

Proposed End Date

1-416-9787118

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PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

Title of proposed research project

The Analysis of Research Funding

Research subject code 2900

Outline of proposed research project

We propose to analyze the following regarding research funding by the Research Services Office:

- Outline of the student’s role
- The role of the student will be to analyze the following:
  1. Number of applications
  2. Number of Co-applicants
  3. Amount Requested
  4. Years of Funding

Form 202-2 (2015)

Personal information collected on this form and appendices will be stored in the Personal Information Bank for the appropriate program.

PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED
Step 4: Department nomination package – Due APRIL 5, 2021

*Only e-copies* of the following documents are due to rso.vpr@utoronto.ca by *April 5, 2021*

- Departmental electronic nomination table (excel format);
- Student/Supervisor Certification Form;
- Departmental Certification Form;

Electronic NSERC applications on the NSERC web portal must be completed and submitted by the student and supervisor.

**NSERC Resources:**

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- U of T Research Funding Opportunities: [https://research.utoronto.ca/funding-opportunities/db/undergraduate-student-research-award](https://research.utoronto.ca/funding-opportunities/db/undergraduate-student-research-award)