



## **NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)**

### ***Application Deadline: Friday, February 19, 2016***

#### ***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 NSERC funded faculty members
- These awards are meant to stimulate your interest in the natural sciences and engineering and encourage you to pursue graduate school or research-related industry careers
- Students supported by an NSERC USRA award will receive \$5,625 over a 16-week period (April 28, 2014 – August 15, 2014)
- Additional information on the NSERC USRA program can be found on NSERC's USRA: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp)

#### ***Am I eligible to apply to the NSERC USRA program?***

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 (e.g., York University)
- You have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least "B". Please note, these awards are extremely competitive
- At the time of the award, you have completed the requirements for your first year of university study (two academic terms)

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)

#### ***How do I apply for an NSERC USRA award at Lassonde School of Engineering, York University?***

##### **Step 1: Speak with potential supervisors to learn about available projects**

You must work with under the supervision of a faculty member who holds (or will hold at the time of the award) and active NSERC research grant. Speak to your professors to see if they are eligible and willing to support your application.

##### **Step 2: Prepare your application**

There are two parts to the application. Part I must be completed by you (the student). Part II is to be completed by your potential supervisor.

The award application can be found on [NSERC's online system: \[http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index\\\_eng.asp\]\(http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index\_eng.asp\)](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp). If this is your first time logging onto the system, you will first need to [register](#). Once logged in, you will need to select "Forms – Student" from the

Forms Management section, and then select Form 202 – USRA (Part I) from the drop down menu.

Instructions for the application can be found [online](#):

[http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires_eng.asp).

At this stage, York applicants applying to work under the supervision of a York University supervisor do **NOT** need to upload their transcript(s) to their Form 202. If your application is successful, you will receive details at a later time regarding how to attach your transcript(s).

Once you have completed all the on-line modules, select **Verify** from the “My Portfolio” page to ensure that you have correctly entered all required information. Once verified, forward your reference number to your proposed supervisor. Your supervisor will then fill out Form 202 Part II.

A **reference number** will be automatically generated once you begin to fill out Form 202 Part I (see the “My Portfolio” screen). This number must be forwarded to your proposed supervisor so that they can fill out Part II. This will link Form 202 Part I with Form 202 Part II. You **DO NOT** need to provide your supervisor with your NSERC login information.

### **Lassonde School of Engineering Additional Application Requirements:**

- 1) CV ( 2 page maximum)**
- 2) Statement of research interest (one page maximum)**

**::: HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED :::**

The completed and signed application Form 202 (Parts I & II) must be completed by

**Februray 19, 2016**

Hardcopies of both Forms must be submitted to the home Department of the proposed supervisor.

### ***What is the selection criteria for the NSERC USRA program at Lassonde School of Engineering?***

Successful applications will be selected in accordance with NSERC's guidelines and will be based on:

- High academic standing based on grades from previous year(s) of study
- Level of experience and training relevant to the specific project that you are applying for
- 60% GPA  
30% Research Potential  
10% Communication

### ***Who can I contact if I need assistance?***

- Your proposed supervisor
- Your Department
- Lassonde School of Engineering  
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Phone: 613-947-0428 (general questions)  
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613-995-4273 (for problems with the on-line system)