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National Science and Engineering Research Council Undergraduate Summer Research Awards

These prestigious awards enable undergraduate students to spend the summer months (16 weeks) working with a research group in Biology. If you are interested in spending "Summer 2017" at McMaster and you have a **10.0 Cumulative Average** (or above), we invite you to apply provided you find a prospective **NSERC-funded** supervisor in Biology willing to sponsor your application.

DEADLINE is Friday, February 17, 2017 to Rebecca Woodworth, LSB-215 (biology@mcmaster.ca).

The awards have a total stipend as follows for the 16 weeks. Residence accommodation may be available on campus for out-of-town students.

Student completing:

Year I \$4,500 NSERC award + \$1,900 Biology researcher contribution = \$6,400

Year II \$4,500 NSERC award + \$2,250 Biology researcher contribution = \$6,750

Year III \$4,500 NSERC award + \$2,600 Biology researcher contribution = \$7,100

Year IV \$4,500 NSERC award + \$3,000 Biology researcher contribution = \$7,500

Applications are invited from all qualified Level 1, 2, 3, 4 students. Applicants must be Canadian citizens and must be currently registered in a bachelor's degree program.

Biology's Application Procedure:

Step 1.

Visit the NSERC web site at:

1. USRA program information -

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp

2. Industrial USRA program information -

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRAI-BRPCI_eng.asp

Determine if you are eligible for the award.

Step 2. Contact a Prospective Supervisor (you apply through the Department of the proposed supervisor - supervisor MUST hold an NSERC grant at the time of application).

For a list of eligible Biology Faculty visit <http://www.biology.mcmaster.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/supervisors4c09.pdf>

Individual Supervisors may sponsor a maximum of two students only and each will have their own selection criteria.

Step 3.

Order an official McMaster (or home) University transcript IMMEDIATELY (to include **December 2016** results) through the Registrar's Office.

Step 4.

ALL NSERC FORMS **MUST BE** COMPLETED ON-LINE INITIALLY. No exceptions will be made.

Follow the instructions for completing the application at:

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/USRAExperience-BRPCEexperience_eng.asp

Form 202-Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award

Complete Part I - Personal Data Form (completed by student on-line)

TIPS:

Degree = Bachelor's

Name of Discipline = name of your program, ie. Honours Biology

Department = Biology

How many academic terms when award is held = if you're completing Level 2, type 4; if you're completing Level 3, type 6; if you're completing Level 4, type 8

Part II is not required at this time - See below *

Scan and upload a copy of your official transcript (which should include one copy of the back page of your transcript which details McMaster's grading scheme).

Print out a copy of Part I for submission to the Department of Biology.

Step 5.

Complete the [Supplemental Information form](#)

Step 6.

Submit to Rebecca Woodworth **(LSB-215) by Friday, February 17, 2017:**

- Copy of completed Part I
- Original of Supplemental application

- An official transcript that includes **December 2016** grades

Note:

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Biology Undergraduate Studies Committee and by the Faculty of Science.

***Part II** - Proposed Location of Tenure and Research Project will be completed by the proposed supervisor **after** the applications have been ranked within the Department.

NSERC insists that students work for a full 16 week period and will not accept shorter periods of employment.

Award decisions to be made late March.