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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 16, 2018 to Elizabeth dos Santos, 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.

NSERC stipend(s) (minimum):

\$4,500 NSERC award + \$3,340* Biology researcher contribution = \$7,840 total

**NSERC research contribution stipend value currently under review from the Biology Dept for students in Levels II-IV.*

Applications are invited from all qualified Level I, II, III, IV students. Applicants must be Canadian citizens and must be currently registered in a bachelor's degree program. Biology research contribution stipend currently under review.

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/2018/01/supervisors-4C12-4G12-4F06-2017.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 2017 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-BRPCExperience_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 Elizabeth dos Santos (LSB-215) **by Friday, February 16, 2018:**

- Copy of completed Part I
- Original of Supplemental application

- An official transcript that includes December 2017 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.