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 -

2. Industrial USRA program information -

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).

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:


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.