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Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)

	USRA
Value	• $4,500 from NSERC • Minimum 25% or $1,125 from the university • Total minimum value of $5,625
Duration	• 16 consecutive weeks, held during the summer, fall or winter terms
Minimum Average	• Second-class * average (B or B-) over the previous years of study
Location	• Eligible Canadian university
When and how to apply	• Deadline set by the university (Jan. – Mar.) • NSERC on-line system (Form 202, Parts I and II)

* As defined by your university

In addition, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada,

- be registered, as of the deadline date for applications at the university, in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university,

- have completed the first year of your bachelor's program,

- have been registered in one of the two terms immediately before holding the award,

- not have started a graduate program at any time in the NSE, and

- be engaged full-time in R&D in NSE during the tenure of your award.
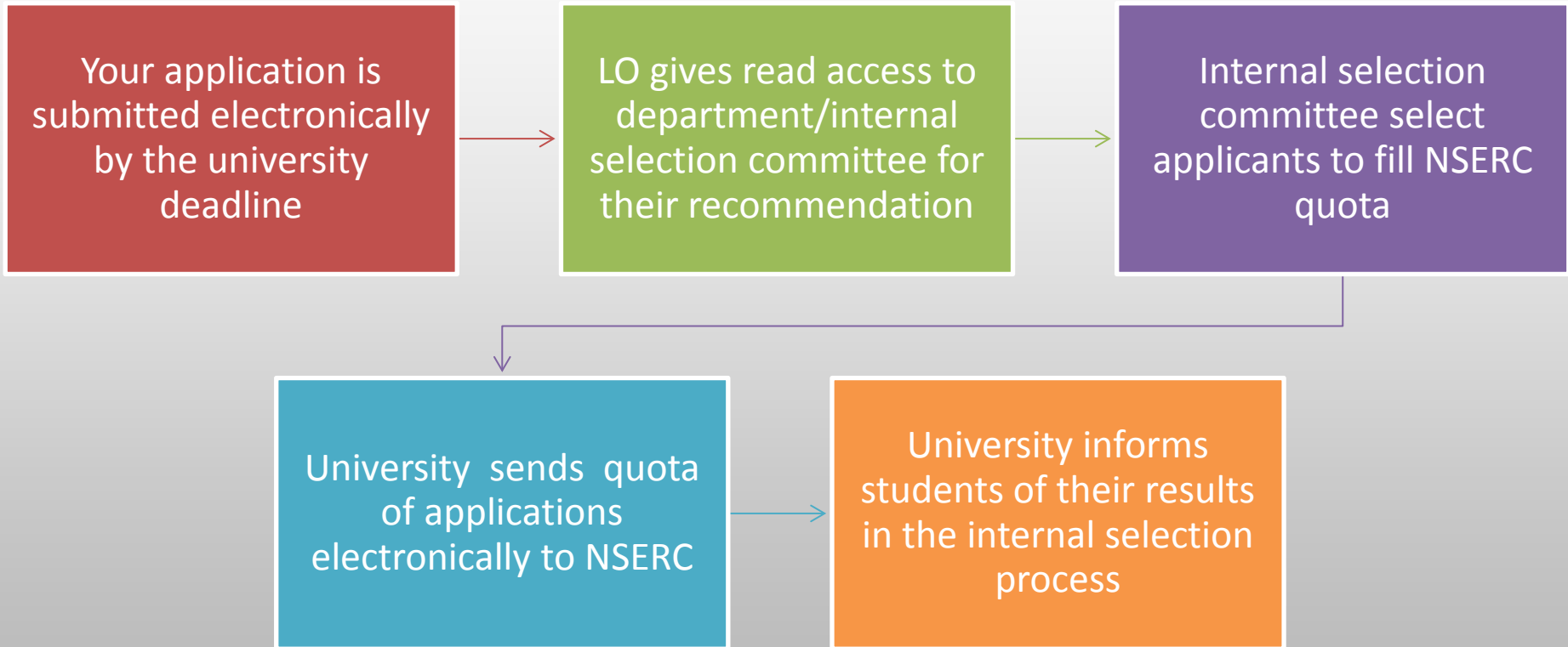
USRA
Supervisor Eligibility

- Supervisor must hold an eligible research grant either at the time of application or when the award is held.

- Supervisors from small universities may be eligible for an exception to the active research grant holding rule.

- Contact your university Liaison Officer for eligible supervisors.

What happens to your USRA application at the university?

Your application is submitted electronically by the university deadline	LO gives read access to department/internal selection committee for their recommendation	Internal selection committee select applicants to fill NSERC quota

University sends quota of applications electronically to NSERC	University informs students of their results in the internal selection process

Travel Allowance

- Travel allowance for costs incurred to travel to the host university and back.

- Based on economy air fare between cities. Ground transportation costs to and from your residence and the point of departure (e.g., airport, train station, bus station) may also be covered.

- Return travel costs reimbursed only for periods of tenure of 12 weeks or more.

- Not intended to offset daily commuting costs to and from the organization.

When and how do you apply?

- Complete Form 202, Part I and attach up-to-date official transcripts.

- Once Part I is completed and verified, provide your reference number to your proposed supervisor.

- The proposed supervisor will complete Form 202, Part II and submit the application on your behalf.

Deadline for applications: verify with your university!

Finding the Form

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Form 202 Part I - Application Profile

Program Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) or Experience Award

Application language English ◉ French ○

At the time of application, you are attending a postsecondary institution? Full time? ○ Part time? ○

Have you ever held a USRA or Experience Award (previously IUSRA) in the past? Yes ○ No ○

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Form 202 Part I - Personal Profile

This information was transferred from the New User Registration information screen. If you need to update these fields, use the Maintain User Profile function under Account Management on the eConsole screen.

Family name

Given name

Initial(s) of ALL given names

Previous family name

NSERC PIN

Email address

Citizenship Canadian Citizen ⦿   Permanent Resident ◯

Date of landing as stated on official immigration document [ ] yyyy [ ] mm [ ] dd

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Self-identification statement:

Please note: Answers to the self-identification statement are not seen or used during the review process or by proposed research supervisors.

Statement: I self-identify as Indigenous.

◯ I agree with the statement. I consent to this information being shared with my institution for the purpose of having my application be considered above the institution's USRA application quota.

◯ This statement does not apply to me / I do not agree with the above statement.

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Form 202 Part I - Address(es)

Please enter your current mailing address below.

Type of address [▾]   [Delete]

Street address line

1 [_____] (40 chars)

2 [_____] (40 chars)

3 [_____] (40 chars)

4 [_____] (40 chars)

City [_____] (30 chars)

Province/State [▾] Canada/United States only

Postal/Zip code [_____] Canada/United States only. No spaces or dashes, e.g. K1P6G4 or 443250010.

Country [_____] [List...]

If temporary, indicate leaving date [____] yyyy [__] mm [__] dd 📅

	Country	Area	Number	Extension
Telephone number	[____]	[____]	[_____]	[____]

Please enter your permanent address if it is different from your current mailing address.

Type of address [▾]   [Delete]

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Form 202 Part I - Academic Background

Include only current and past degree programs. Please use the section 'Other' for any additional degree.

Type of degree **Bachelor's**   Delete

Institution [Use the 'List...' button]   List...

Name if not available [   ] (100 chars)

Department [Use the 'List...' button]

Name if not available [   ] (100 chars)

Country [   ]

Period of study   Started [   ] yyyy [ ] mm 📅

Awarded/Expected [   ] yyyy [ ] mm 📅

Name of discipline [   ] (50 chars)

Other degree (specify) [   ] (10 chars)   Delete

Institution [Use the 'List...' button]   List...

Name if not available [   ] (100 chars)

Department [Use the 'List...' button]

Name if not available [   ] (100 chars)

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Form 202 Part I - Scholarships and Other Awards Received

New Entry   [Delete]

Name of award [_____] (35 chars)

Location of tenure [_____] (35 chars)

Period held from [____] yyyy [____] mm 📅

to [____] yyyy [____] mm 📅

New Entry   [Delete]

Name of award [_____] (35 chars)

Location of tenure [_____] (35 chars)

Period held from [____] yyyy [____] mm 📅

to [____] yyyy [____] mm 📅

New Entry   [Delete]

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Location of tenure [_____] (35 chars)

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FORM 202 - PART I
Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) or Experience Award

System-ID

Reference No.	Date

Family name of student	Given name	Initial(s) of all given names	Personal identification no. (PIN)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (including ongoing postsecondary degree)

Degree	Name of discipline	Institution	Department	Year and month of expected degree completion

At the time of application, you are attending a postsecondary institution?

☐ full time?   ☐ part time?

Have you ever held a USRA or Experience Award (previously IUSRA) in the past?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS RECEIVED (start with most recent and include NSERC awards)

Name of award	Location of tenure	Period held (yyyy/mm - yyyy/mm)

OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship

☐ Canadian citizen   ☐ Permanent resident (indicate date of landing as stated on official immigration document)

Language of correspondence

☐ English   ☐ French

Consent to sharing information for joint-funding opportunity

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Current address	Permanent mailing address (if different from current address)

If current address is temporary, indicate leaving date	Telephone number at permanent mailing address

Telephone number at current address	E-mail address

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Personal information collected on this form and appendices will be stored in the Personal Information Bank for the appropriate program.
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FORM 202 - PART II
Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award

System ID

Date

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.	Given name	Initial(s) of all given names

Name and title of proposed supervisor	E-mail of proposed supervisor

Institution/Organization that will administer the award	Department

Grant application no. (proposed supervisor)	Personal identification no. (PIN) (proposed supervisor)

Address at location of tenure	Proposed Start Date
	Telephone
	Fax

PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

Title of proposed research project	Research subject code

Outline of proposed research project

Outline of the student's role

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Before Applying

✓ Read the Program Guide

✓ Read the Application Instructions

Where to get additional information?

- **Resource video on NSERC website:**
  - NSERC USRA program application tutorial

  http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Videos-Videos/Index_eng.asp

- **See NSERC website for other opportunities and supplements:**

  www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/StudentsEtudiants/index_eng.asp

Contact Information

USRA : Liaison Officer at the university where you are applying.

Online Services Helpdesk: webapp@nserc-crsng.gc.ca
(613) 995-4273

USRA Program staff: usra-brpc@nserc-crsng.gc.ca