

A photograph of two female students in a laboratory setting. They are wearing white lab coats and blue gloves. One student is holding a pipette and looking at it, while the other is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, blue-tinted laboratory environment.

Get **experience** with an Undergraduate Student Research Award

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WHAT IS THE NSERC USRA?

The **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)** subsidizes professors to **hire Canadian students to work on research projects through the Under-graduate Student Research Awards (USRA) in a research intensive environment.** These awards are meant to stimulate research interest in the natural sciences and engineering, encourage students to pursue graduate studies and/or a career in research. The awards are valued at \$6000, distributed across 14 Faculties/Schools in UBC-V and UBC-O.

Application Period:

January – March 2024

Please visit the website for specific application information: students.ubc.ca/nserc

When are the Awards?

You can hold the full-time research award (minimum 16 consecutive weeks) during the following terms:

- SUMMER (May-August)
- FALL (September-December)
- WINTER (January-April)

Why Should I Apply?

- **Gain and strengthen research experience** in your field of study
- **Make the connection** between your academics and future career
- **Build networks** within the research community
- **Develop research and workplace skills** to prepare you for future work and study.
- **Receive an award letter from NSERC** to recognize your achievement

"I have gained valuable field experience and insight on how to conduct research studies. Utilizing all the experiences [from this award], I plan to pursue further studies as a graduate. It helped a lot with networking and I know more intricate research aspects now."

-Cole, NSERC USRA Recipient (Summer 2023)

"I would encourage anyone to reach out to any professor and make connections... don't be afraid to ask questions, go to office hours so that when they have an available position for research, they can put a name to a face and know that you're passionate about the material. It truly makes all the difference.."

- Shauna, NSERC USRA recipient (Summer 2023)

