

## NSERC USRA Guidelines Deadline: Monday February 3, 2025

### Award Mandate

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Graduate Student Research Awards (USRA) are intended to:

- Stimulate student interest in research in the natural sciences and engineering;
- Encourage students to undertake graduate studies;
- Encourage students to consider a research career in natural sciences and engineering.

and interest in research, and evidence of the quality of research training provided by the supervisor.

NSERC and The University of Winnipeg strongly encourage eligible Indigenous and Black students to apply

### Eligibility

Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, or a protected person as of the application deadline

Have a minimum B average (3.0 GPA)

A 3.0 GPA score is not the determining factor in the selection process, and scores close to the requirement will still qualify, so we encourage you to apply. Please contact Dylan

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- Any past progress, if applicable, toward formal research contribution (e.g., a presentation, publication or other research contribution);
- Other relevant experience or achievements that could demonstrate research interest, aptitude and/or potential to the evaluation committee;

Optional Statement (250 words)

- We welcome applicants to use up to an extra 250 words to self-identify within equity-deserving groups (e.g., women, 2SLGBTQ+ people, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons from racialized communities, etc.) and explain how their identities have shaped their research paths and approaches to research.
- Applicants are also welcomed to use this extra 250 words to explain any personal circumstances that may have impacted their research productivity or educational trajectory, including, but not limited to, medical leaves, caregiving responsibilities, and/or financial need. Selection committee members are instructed to give careful consideration to, and be sensitive to the impact of,
- The supervisor, departmental contacts, and the Student Research Committee and may factor into the issuance of an award.

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department contacts, and the Student Research Committee will use and disclose the information gathered in the application as necessary to process, fulfill, and assess all applications submitted. Questions regarding this collection may be directed to Dylan Jones, Canada Research Chair Coordinator Special Initiatives, at [d.jones@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:d.jones@uwinnipeg.ca) 204.258.3065.

Submit a transcript. Transcripts from WebAdvisor are preferred for the internal competition to show your enrollment and grades for the Fall 2024 term. An official transcript will be required for successful applicants;

Optional half page to list awards. Students are invited to use half a page max. to list any additional awards that they could not fit on the NSERC Online Application.



Please Note:

NSERC reviews the university USRA submissions during June and July, well after the student has begun the summer research project.

The Research Office requirements are put forward.

In the rare case where NSERC deems a student to be ineligible to participate in the NSERC USRA program, the Research Office and faculty supervisor will work together resolve the issue.

## Appendix: Selection Criteria and Indicators for USRA Applications

The following table contains indicators and evidence for evaluating the three selection criteria.

| Selection criteria       | Indicators and evidence |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Academic Excellence (40) |                         |

Enthusiasm foresearch, relevant