

SSHRC USRA Guidelines Deadline: Friday March 14, 2025

Award Mandate

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) are intended to:

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

Applications are evaluated based on students' academic record, evidence of research potential and interest in research, and evidence of the quality of research training provided by the supervisor.

At the present time, SSHRC USRAs are exclusively for Black student researchers. Institutions are assigned a specific allocation for these awards, as outlined in the [Undergraduate Student Research Awards allocations](#) web page.

Eligibility

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

Self-Identify as Black

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 Jones (d.jones@uwinnipeg.ca) and they will assist you in including other important information to your application;

Have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at the time of application;

Be registered as a part-time or full-time student and attend school in at least 1 of the 2 terms immediately before holding the award in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university;

Identify a primary supervisor to guide their research project.

See "Supervisor Eligibility" below for more details.

Receive research training for a full 14 to 16 weeks, normally from May to August.

Students and their supervisors are to devise a training and payment plan that is suitable for the research project;

As per Tri-Agency USRA regulations, a student may hold no more than three SSHRC USRAs throughout their academic career. To ensure opportunities for as many excellent students as possible, at the University of Winnipeg, all else equal, preference may be given to students applying for their first or second USRA.

Applications from students registered at other universities will be accepted but, all else being equal, preference will be given to current University of Winnipeg students.

Award Payment and Training

The duration of the award is 14, 15, or 16 weeks on a full-time basis (35 hours per week).

Duration

Min. Award Amount

The hourly rate of the minimum

fund the student if the applying supervisor's proposal is not funded. An alternate
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	<p>Demonstrates desire to take initiative and ability to work independently and collaboratively</p> <p>Research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the applicant's academic experience</p> <p>Committee members should consider the student's statement of interest that demonstrates evidence of research aptitude/potential, outlining the student's research interest, goals, and the proposed project.</p> <p>Committee members should consult the optional statement to consider equity, diversity, and inclusion factors when assessing research potential and excellence.</p> <p>Committee members should consider the potential research impact beyond the university.</p>
<p>Expected quality of the training and mentorship to be received from supervisor/research team during the duration of the research project (20)</p>	<p>Indicators of expected quality of the training and mentorship to be received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposure to research team Training in research techniques, skills Expected contributions to research output <p>Committee members consult the proposed supervisor's plan for the student described in form 202 part II.</p>