

2025 FoM - USRA Application

Start of Block: Student Eligibility

Note: Each grant holder on the [Faculty of Medicine Eligible Supervisor List](#) may submit only 1 application with 1 student per competition

****CIHR and SSHRC grant holders do not need to be on this list, but may submit only 1 application with 1 Black student.**

Please ensure you meet the eligibility requirements before proceeding with this application.

To be eligible for an award a student must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada,
- Be registered in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university at the time of application and in at least one of the two terms immediately previous to holding the award,
- **Have completed all the course requirements of at least the first year of university study (or two academic terms) of a bachelor's degree,**
- Have obtained, over the previous years of study, a minimum cumulative B- (68%) average,
- Not have started a graduate studies program in the natural sciences or engineering,
- Supervisors must confirm that project falls within the [NSERC mandate](#), or CIHR mandate, or SSHRC mandate if applying with a Black student for one of these special USRAs.

In addition:

- If you already hold a bachelor's degree and are studying toward a second bachelor's degree, you may still apply to this program.
- You may hold only one university USRA and only one Experience Award (previously industrial USRA) per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).
- You may hold a maximum of three university USRAs and a maximum of three Experience Awards throughout your undergraduate university career.
- If you are a graduating student, you are eligible to hold a USRA as long as you were registered in at least one of the two previous terms before holding the award, have not started a program of graduate studies and have met all other eligibility requirements of the program.
- You should not receive academic credit for the work done during the term of a USRA.
- Students may take a maximum of two courses (one course in each summer term) if special arrangements to make up the time have been made with the supervisor.
- Once you start working, you must be engaged, on a full-time basis for a minimum of 16 consecutive weeks, in research and development activities in the natural sciences or engineering during the tenure of the award. Shorter works terms (less than 14 weeks) are subject to exception approval from NSERC prior to submission.
- See [FAQ](#) for supervisors and students for more details.
- Students must be residing in British Columbia, Canada in order to hold the award.

- Applicants who need to average grades from multiple universities with different GPA/grading schemes must reach out to the coordinator, Dr. Deborah Giaschi, at fom.nserc.usra@ubc.ca **prior to applying**.
- [For a full list of eligibility requirements follow this link.](#)

End of Block: Student Eligibility

Start of Block: Support

Q2 We recommend completing this application in a single session, however there is the option to "save and continue" the application. If you are planning on continuing at a later time, please ensure you use the **same browser** and **do not clear your cache** or your progress will be lost. Simply return to the application URL and you will be directed to where you left off. To access the Table of Contents (to assist with navigating the application form) click the menu symbol in the upper left corner.

End of Block: Support

Start of Block: Student Information

Q3 All information provided in this application should be consistent with that provided in Form 202.

We suggest that you review this [Application Checklist](#) as well as this [Form 202 Completeness Checklist](#) prior to submission. Application errors will affect ranking.

Q4 Student Information

Last name (1) _____

Legal first name (as on Workday Student account) (2)

Preferred first name (8) _____

Student number (3) _____

Email address (4) _____

Q5 Academic Background

Current Institution (university) (1)

Current Degree (e.g. BSc) (2)

Current Discipline (e.g., major, i.e., applied animal biology) (3)

Q26

Are you a Visiting Student (i.e. not UBC)?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Q6

Year of study at the time of the application *Note: Although Year 1 students are eligible for this award they are unlikely to be funded. Please see website or contact fom.nserc.usra@ubc.ca for more information.

Year 1 (1)

Year 2 (2)

Year 3 (3)

Year 4 (5)

Year 5 (6)

Other, please specify: (7)

Q7 Citizenship Information

- Canadian Citizen (1)
 - Permanent Resident (2)
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Q38 I understand that residing in British Columbia, Canada during the award term is a requirement for holding the award

- Yes (1)
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Q8

Collection of self-identification data: This information is requested by NSERC to assist the agency in monitoring the fairness of its programs and informing future measures to increase equity, diversity and inclusion among all those involved in the research enterprise. Self-identification data are not seen or used during the review process or by the proposed research supervisor.

Q9 **What is your gender?** *answers to this question are collected for aggregate purposes to monitor EDI practices and do not have any impact on the selection of awardees

- Female (1)
 - Male (2)
 - Non-binary (3)
 - Other (4)
 - Prefer not to say (5)
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Q27 **Do you identify with a racialized community or visible minority?** *answers to this question are collected for aggregate purposes to monitor EDI practices and do not have any impact on the selection of awardees

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
 - Prefer not to say (3)
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Q10 **NSERC offers additional USRA awards specifically for Indigenous* students. Do you self-identify as Indigenous?**

*Indigenous peoples is a collective name for the original peoples of North America and their descendants. Often, Aboriginal peoples is also used. For the purposes of this program, NSERC

uses the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982 definition of Aboriginal peoples as including the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada. **answers to this question impact the total quota of awards allocated to our Faculty.

Yes (1)

No (2)

Q35 NSERC offers additional USRA awards specifically for Black students. Do you self-identify as Black?

**the Faculty of Medicine has been allocated awards specifically for Black students

Yes (1)

No (2)

End of Block: Student Information

Start of Block: Supervisor Information

Q11

Supervisor Information

Note: Each grant holder in Medicine may only submit 1 application with 1 student per competition

Supervisor's last name (1)

Supervisor's legal first name (2)

Supervisor's preferred first name (4)

Supervisor's email address (3)

Q12 UBC Supervisor's FoM Department/School. (Main FoM appointment)

▼ Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics (1) ... Urologic Sciences (22)

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Q24 Project Title



Q13

Proposed Start Date of Award (YYYY/MM/DD)

The latest start date for a 16-week project is May 12, 2025 for the Summer term, September 4, 2025 for the Fall term or January 9, 2026 for the Winter term.



Q14

Proposed End Date of Award (YYYY/MM/DD)



Q28 If proposed work term is less than 16-weeks, please explain the reason for the shortened work term

Q37 Is this application for NSERC USRA, CIHR USRA (Black students only), or SSHRC USRA (Black students only)?

- NSERC USRA (1)
- CIHR USRA (Black students only) (4)
- SSHRC USRA (Black students only) (5)

Display This Question:

If Q37 = NSERC USRA

Q22 Does the proposed research project fall within the NSERC mandate? *unless the application is from a Black student applying to the CIHR or SSHRC USRA stream. (If the answer is "No" then research project is deemed ineligible. Please double-check against the NSERC criteria before choosing "Yes")

Yes (1)

No (4)

Q25 Will this research project be conducted remotely, onsite, or both?

Remote only (1)

Onsite only (2)

Both remotely and onsite (3)

Display This Question:

If Q37 = NSERC USRA



Q16

Research Subject Code

Enter the research subject code that best describes the proposed area of research

**For NSERC projects ONLY*

Follow for list of Research Subject Codes



Q17

Proposed Salary

\$6000 plus top-up amount of \$4,891 (which is \$4,133 + 7.48% of 10,133 in benefits). This means the minimum is \$10,133 (Assuming May 2025 start date)

End of Block: Supervisor Information

Start of Block: GPA Calculation



Q18

Please use [this GPA calculator](#) template to obtain your average GPA for all post-secondary courses. Double-check to make sure all rows entered are used in the GPA calculation. Please rename the file to: "Student last name, Student first name - NSERC GPA" and upload the excel file below.

Please ensure to upload an Excel file ONLY. Do not upload a PDF.



Q19

Average GPA for all post-secondary courses
(Obtained using the file linked above)

End of Block: GPA Calculation

Start of Block: Transcripts and Forms



Q20

Please download the following documents from the NSERC online application, merge them into a single PDF file, then attach here.**

Please rename the file to: "Student last name, Student first name - NSERC Application Files".

- Form 202 Part I
- Form 202 Part II
- Official Transcripts*

***Official Transcripts: Must be up-to-date and show student name, name of institution, program enrolled in, complete course of study, marks, legend explaining acronyms, and include the term before the application was prepared. Must include official transcripts for**

all university programs merged into a single file. You must include one copy of the back page of each set of transcripts showing the legend.

***Example of program that can be used to merge files: <https://www.pdfmerge.com>*

End of Block: Transcripts and Forms

Start of Block: CV



Q29 Please download the [one page CV template](#), fill it out, and upload it here in PDF format. Do not exceed one page; do not add additional information. Please rename the file to: "Student last name, Student first name - NSERC CV".



Q30 As it lists on your CV and on NSERC Form 202 Part I, how many scholarship and other awards have you received? *Include only **competitive** awards based on academic or research excellence and/or leadership or communication abilities. Include NSERC awards and declined awards.



Q32 As it lists on your CV, how many research papers have you published in a scientific journal?



Q33 As it lists on your CV, how many presentations have you given at a research conference?



Q34 **As it lists on your CV, how many research positions have you undertaken?**

End of Block: CV

Start of Block: Review

Q21 You have reached the end of the application. Please review your responses to ensure all information is correct before submitting. **You will not be able to return to your application once it has been submitted.**

End of Block: Review
