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Lassonde Undergraduate Research Award (LURA)
NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)
Summer 2023

BACKGROUND

The LURA and NSERC USRA programs are designed to enhance the undergraduate student experience by providing research experience within the Lassonde School of Engineering.

AWARD DETAILS

Total award value: **$10,000[1]**

Open to students in all disciplines and will not depend on their financial needs. Full details are available on our [website](#).

	LURA	NSERC USRA[2]
Student Eligibility	- All undergraduate students, enrolled full-time; - External students to York are eligible - International students can apply[3] - 1 year completed by the time of the award is preferred, expect special LURA program[4]	- All undergraduate students, enrolled full-time - External students to York are eligible - Must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents - Must have completed all course requirements of at least the first year of university study at the time of the award
Supervisor Eligibility	All Lassonde professors	All Lassonde professors

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[1] The award amount for NSERC USRA may be subject to change.
[2] More details on eligibly can be found on the [NSERC website](#)
[3] International students who are not currently enrolled at York University can apply; however, COVID-19 restrictions and Visa processing timelines should be considered.
[4] Exemption: 1st year Co-op for women in Engineering recipients

NEW THIS YEAR

- **Pilot LURA Initiative**

We are participating in the "1st year Co-op for Women in Engineering" program. It's a new initiative to increase retention and recruitment of women in Engineering. As a result, TWO special LURA positions for first-year female engineering students have been created.

- **NSERC USRA Indigenous and Black Student Initiative**

NSERC encourages qualified Indigenous and Black students to apply to this program. NSERC announced additional support for Black students including unlimited number of positions. The Indigenous and Black student USRA awards are adjudicated alongside the NSERC USRA awards. All applications from Indigenous and/or Black students whose application otherwise meets all qualifications will be put forward to NSERC for funding.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS

Interested students can find potential projects posted here; however, students are free to contact any professor in the Lassonde School of Engineering. Students are expected to contact and secure the interest of a professor. Applications must be submitted online by **February 15, 2023** – the link to apply can be found on FluidReview.

Required application components

- Contact Details (online form)
- Resume (as an attachment 2 pg. maximum)
- Research Interest Statement (as an attachment 1 pg.)
- Supervisor Endorsement Form
- Transcript
  - *York University Students* – Upload an unofficial transcript OR upload a grade report AND course and grade list – instructions are provided through the Registrar's Office - https://registrar.yorku.ca/index.php/transcripts.
  - *Non-York University Students* - Official transcripts are required. Students should consult their registrar's office for details on how to obtain their transcripts. If needed, students can contact resday@yorku.ca for support.

ADJUDICATION

Applications will be adjudicated by a selection committee, using the following criteria:

- 60% GPA (cumulative)
- 30% Research Potential (based on the statement of research interest and previous research experience)
- 10% Communication (based on clarity and presentation of the complete application)

In addition to the evaluation criteria above, the eligibility of each application will be dependent upon a satisfactory training plan submitted by the professor on the Supervisor

Endorsement Form.

The Dean's Office will communicate the results to the students with an anticipated date of late March. Financial processes will follow. The award is deposited into the students' bank accounts monthly. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their banking information is up to date with the Student Financial Services to receive funds.

The duration of the award program is 16 weeks (full-time) between May and August. Every award recipient will be required to participate and present their research project in the Undergraduate Summer Research Conference. The anticipated date is the week of August 14, 2023.

INFORMATION FOR PROFESSORS

- **You are required** to fill out the Supervisor Endorsement Form for each student to apply
- Monetary Contributions

	LURA	NSERC USRA[5]
Supervisor contribution	$4,000	$1,550
Lassonde contribution	$6,000	$2,450
NSERC contribution	$0	$6,000
Total award to students	**$10,000**	**$10,000**

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

January 10, 2023	Competitions are open
February 13, 2023	Last day for the professor to decide which student(s) to support
February 15, 2023	Last day for students to apply for award(s)
Mid-March	Award results will be announced
May-August	Awards will be held (16 mandatory weeks)
Week of August 14, 2023	Mandatory participation in the Lassonde Undergraduate Summer Student Research Conference

[5] The NSERC USRA 2023 contributions may be subject to change upon receipt of confirmation from NSERC by end of January 2023. All supervisors will be notified via email if the amount of the USRA award changes.