

## Lassonde Undergraduate Research Award (LURA) NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) Summer 2024

### 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<sup>1</sup>**

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

|                        | LURA  | NSERC USRA <sup>2</sup>   |
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| Student Eligibility    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All undergraduate students, enrolled full-time;</li> <li>- External students to York are eligible</li> <li>- International students can apply<sup>3</sup></li> <li>- 1 year completed by the time of the award is preferred</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All undergraduate students, enrolled full-time</li> <li>- External students to York are eligible</li> <li>- Must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents</li> <li>- Must have completed all course requirements of at least the first year of university study at the time of the award</li> </ul> |
| Supervisor Eligibility | All Lassonde professors   | All Lassonde professors   |

### 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 with an unlimited number of positions for qualified applicants in 2023. The Indigenous and Black student USRA awards are adjudicated

<sup>1</sup> The award amount for NSERC USRA may be subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> More details on eligibility can be found on the [NSERC website](#)

<sup>3</sup> International students who are not currently enrolled at York University can apply; however, Visa processing timelines should be considered.

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, 2024** – 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. Transcripts issued to students are not accepted. Students can arrange with their registrar’s office to have the transcripts directly emailed ([resday@yorku.ca](mailto:resday@yorku.ca)) or mailed (*Sosan Nasar, Dean’s Office- Research Support, Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence, 11 Arboretum Lane, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto ON. M3J 1P3*) to our office directly. [MyCreds.ca](#) can also be used to share the official transcripts with our office. If needed, students can contact [resday@yorku.ca](mailto: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 early April. 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 at the Undergraduate Summer Research Conference. The anticipated date of the conference is August 15, 2024.

## INFORMATION FOR PROFESSORS

- **You are required** to fill out the [Supervisor Endorsement Form](#) for each student to apply

### Monetary Contribution:

|                                | LURA            | NSERC USRA <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Supervisor contribution        | \$4,000         | \$1,550                 |
| Lassonde contribution          | \$6,000         | \$2,450                 |
| NSERC contribution             | \$0             | \$6,000                 |
| <b>Total award to students</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> | <b>\$10,000</b>         |

## ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

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| January 10, 2024  | Competitions are open  |
| February 13, 2024 | Last day for the professor to decide which student(s) to support                         |
| February 15, 2024 | Last day for students to apply for award(s)  |
| Early-April       | Award results will be announced  |
| May-August        | Awards will be held (16 mandatory weeks)   |
| August 15, 2024   | Mandatory participation in the Lassonde Undergraduate Summer Student Research Conference |

<sup>4</sup> The NSERC USRA 2024 contributions may be subject to change upon receipt of confirmation from NSERC by end of January 2024. All supervisors will be notified via email if the amount of the USRA award changes.