

Dept. of Psychology NSERC USRA Information for 2021

This award is to be held between May and September for 16-weeks. NSERC has added changes to accommodate the impact of the COVID pandemic. The most notable is the increase in the value of the award to \$6,000 from the previous \$4,500. This also requires a higher top up, a minimum of 25% (\$1,500). Further details are below.

Our department's quota for the 2021 NSERC USRA Program is 4. As in past years, self-identifying Indigenous students can be supported above and beyond this quota.

Important Deadlines	
Mon. March 8, 2021	Applications due online (NSERC website) and PDFs of applications to be emailed to psy.undergrad@utoronto.ca .
Wed. March 31, 2021	Confirmation to accept award from those offered NSERC is due from student, as well as all application corrections/revisions (if needed).

All applications MUST be completed by students and their supervisors online (https://ebiz.nserc.ca/nserc_web/nserc_login_e.htm).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS:

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Registered either full-time or part-time (at the time of application) in a bachelor's degree program in the term immediately before holding the award (NSERC, however, expects that most awards will be held by full-time students) **AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** (no external candidates).
- Enrolled in a **PSY Program** at the St. George Campus.
- Must have obtained, over the previous years of study, **a minimum CGPGA of 3.0 ("B")**.
- Must have completed, at the time of application, a minimum of two academic terms/semesters (first year students are not permitted to apply).
- Must be able to complete the full 16-week term (~40 hrs./week) and **not** be enrolled in summer courses (unless outside of working hours). No provision for sick leave or vacation.
- Supervisor must be on the approved list as issued by the Dept. of Psychology.
- Research conducted for award cannot simultaneously be used for course credit (ie., PSY 405/406 – Individual Projects).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- Refer to the checklist while filling out all aspects of the application; please follow it carefully and check it off as you go.
- Handwritten applications will **not** be accepted, and all pages of the application should be **single-sided**.
- Grant application number (UofT Sponsor Reference Number) for supervisors is **999999**. Please do not use any other number.
- Applicants and supervisors must double-check the completeness and accuracy of the forms using both the NSERC and RSO checklists.
- Students must upload a PDF copy of either the academic history report/e-transcript/official paper transcript on NSERC's online system when completing their application. The e-transcript or academic history report that students can generate directly from ACORN are acceptable forms of a transcript.
- Start dates should not begin on a weekend/holiday and not before May 3rd, dates on all forms should match. Start date should fall on a Monday (ie., May 3rd, May 10th, etc.).
- The correct way for students to indicate the month in which they will be completing their UG degree on their form is either **06** for June or **11** for November.
- All applications must be accompanied by a Student/Supervisor Certification Form and must bear the electronic signatures of the student and the supervisor.
- ***Due to the current COVID-19 situation, all projects MUST be able to be completed remotely. Please indicate this in the application.***
- Do not click "SUBMIT" on the NSERC online application unless advised to do so (usually only if student is offered award).

PDF copies of the student application, checklists, certification form, and transcript must be emailed to the Undergraduate Administrator at psy.undergrad@utoronto.ca by **Monday March 8th, 2021**.