



**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2023 CIHR and SSHRC BLACK STUDENT
USRAs STUDENTS & PI SUPERVISORS**

Complete this form for each CIHR and/or SSHRC Black Student USRA application, confirming the points below. I hereby confirm:

A. The Student:

- Is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada. (Foreign or international students are not eligible.)
- Is registered either full-time or part-time in a bachelor's degree program at the time of application and in at least one of the two terms immediately before holding the award. (A student is still eligible if they already hold a bachelor's degree, as long as they are currently studying towards a second bachelor's degree.)
- **For SSHRC USRAs only:** Is NOT enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., MD, BScPhm, DDS, BScN) and does NOT hold higher degrees in the natural sciences & engineering.
- Obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of B or B-, if applicable).
- Has completed, at the time of application, a minimum of **two** academic terms/semesters. (First year students are not eligible.)
- If graduating, is in the term immediately following the completion of their undergraduate program requirements and has not started in a program of graduate studies.
- Will be engaged on a full-time basis in research and development activities during the award tenure. (USRA award holders are permitted to take up to a maximum two courses during the award term. Thesis research during the award term is not permitted.)
- Will NOT receive academic credits for research done during the USRA term.

B. The Supervisor:

- Is NOT a postdoctoral fellow or a graduate/PhD student.
- Can independently supervise students, as per their appointment with the university.
- Meets CIHR or SSHRC Eligibility to hold research grants ([CIHR eligibility](#), or for [SSHRC eligibility](#), see "Applicant").

I confirm the above information on behalf of my department.

Signature of Chair (or Delegate)

Name & Role

Date