



Undergraduate Research Awards Application

Science Undergraduate Research Award (SURA)

Science Undergraduate Research Award—Indigenous (SURA-I)

Overview of award

Introduction

Research is an important and enjoyable component of an undergraduate experience and can be a helpful guide in planning a career. The Science Undergraduate Research Award (SURA) and Science Undergraduate Research Award—Indigenous (SURA-I) enables undergraduate students to engage in research projects on campus under the supervision of a faculty member (research-stream or teaching-stream) in the Faculty of Science. An adjunct faculty member in any of these academic units can be a co-supervisor.

Six SURA awards are available each year, one per department/school. The SURA is open to all students in the Faculty of Science who meet the eligibility criteria outlined below.

One SURA-I is available each year. The SURA-I is open to all Indigenous students in the Faculty of Science who meet the eligibility criteria outlined below.

Award details

- The student holding the award must perform research under the supervision or co-supervision of a regular faculty member in the Faculty of Science at UVic. If co-supervised, both supervisors must be specified and sign the application.
- It is expected that a student holding an award would work full-time on a research project for a term of 14-16 consecutive weeks over one academic term. A student may take up the award in the Summer (May-Aug), Fall (Sep-Dec), or Winter (Jan-Apr) term, as agreed between the student and their supervisor.
- The awards are not intended to support a student performing research on a part-time basis, or for research performed outside the term during which the student is to be engaged in their research project.

Value of awards

The SURA and SURA-I provides \$4000 from the Faculty of Science, plus a minimum of \$4000 from the research supervisor. Funding for these awards was provided by the late Eva Moody.

Who is eligible for an award?

To be eligible for a SURA or SURA-I award, at the time of application a candidate must:

- be registered as a full-time undergraduate student in the Faculty of Science at the University of Victoria in the current Winter Session (Sept-April) and be in good standing;
- have completed at least 30 units of course credits toward a BSc degree;
- have a cumulative GPA of 6.0 or higher.

Applicants for the SURA-I must also be Canadian or International Indigenous students.

How are students selected for the award?

Applications are adjudicated by the applicable Department/School Awards committee. A faculty member from the Department/School EDI committee will serve on the Awards Committee to ensure that EDI principles are upheld. The SURA-I will be further adjudicated by the Faculty of Science Research Advisory Committee

How do you apply?

To apply for this award, students must complete and submit the SURA Application to the general office of the supervisor's home department.

- Student applicants should complete parts 1A and 1B, save the application on their computer and email the completed electronic form to their proposed supervisor.
- The supervisor should then complete part 2.
- The application must be signed by the student and the supervisor(s) before being submitted.

A student may submit an application for multiple research awards (SURA, NSERC USRA, BioCan Rx Studentship, BC Cancer Studentship, etc.) but may only accept one of the awards offered per academic year.

Application deadline

The deadline is set by the Departments/School of the Faculty of Science. Please monitor [their respective websites](#) for details. Students and supervisors will be notified as soon as possible thereafter as to whether their applications have been successful.



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Part 1A - Student Application

Surname: _____ Given name: _____ Student #: V0 _____

Email: _____ Program (e.g. BSc Chemistry): _____

Which awards are you applying for? (it is possible to apply for both): SURA ☐ SERA-I ☐

Intended term to take up award: Summer ☐ Winter ☐ Fall ☐

I have applied for other research awards this year:

☐ NSERC-USRA ☐ BIOCAN RX Studentship ☐ BC Cancer Studentship ☐ Other: _____

If you have previously held a research award at UVic, please list the award, supervisor and dates:

Eligibility: To determine your eligibility for the SURA and SURA-I awards, please indicate which of the following statements apply to you:

- ☐ I am registered as a full-time student (12 units or higher) for a BSc degree in the Faculty of Science at the University of Victoria in the current Winter Session (Sept-April), **OR**
- ☐ I am registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning for an accommodated workload for a bachelor's degree in the Faculty of Science at the University of Victoria in the current Winter Session (Sept-April). I have attached a copy of my "Letter of Accommodation" to this application.
- ☐ I have completed at least 30 units of course credits toward a BSc degree.
- ☐ I intend to continue full-time undergraduate studies in the term immediately following the research project.
- ☐ I have a cumulative GPA of 6.0 or higher.

Self-identification: If you are applying for the SURA-I, please indicate the statement that applies to you:

- ☐ I am a Canadian Indigenous student (First Nations, Inuit or Métis).
- ☐ I am an International Indigenous student.



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Part 1B - Student Application

In 300 words or less, describe why you wish to do a research project.

Student Signature

Date

Print name



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Part 2A – Faculty Research Supervisor

Supervisor Information:

Name: _____ Dept: _____

Email: _____

Co-Supervisor Information (if applicable):

Name: _____ Dept: _____

Email: _____

External grant funding used for matching contribution:

Agency: _____ Program: _____

Project Title: _____

1) In 300 words or less, describe the proposed project, including a rough timeline:

2) In 300 words or less, describe the student's role in the proposed project:

3) Funding commitment to student: _____

I agree to supervise the applicant this summer and to at least match the financial contribution of the SURA to the student.

Supervisor Signature

Print name

Date

Co-supervisor Signature

Print name

Date