

## 2024-25 School of Earth and Ocean Sciences NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRAs)

*These awards provide financial support while you undertake a 16-week research project with a faculty member in SEOS. They are intended to nurture your interest and develop your potential for a research career in the natural sciences and to encourage you to undertake graduate studies.*

**Value:** \$6000 plus a minimum 25% research top-up (\$1500)

**Duration:** 16 weeks starting May 1, 2024 or September 1, 2024 or January 1, 2025

### **Eligibility:**

1. Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
2. Be registered at the time you apply in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible university; if you are studying toward a second bachelor's degree, you may still apply.
3. Completed all the course requirements of at least the first year of university study (or two academic terms) of your bachelor's degree by the time you hold the award.
4. Have been registered in at least one of the two terms immediately before holding the award (full or part-time).
5. NOT have started a program of graduate studies in the natural sciences or engineering.
6. USRAs may be held during co-op placements.
  - *You may hold only ONE USRA per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) to a maximum of 3 NSERC awards throughout your university career.*
  - *There is no longer a requirement that students applying for USRAs be enrolled full-time in their program to be eligible to apply.*

### **Application Process/Procedures:**

1. Review potential **2024-25 SEOS Projects** (faculty proposals).
2. Contact faculty members whose research interests you to discuss their project and your suitability. You may approach faculty who have not posted specific projects.
3. There may be specific USRA funding for students of Indigenous ancestry. If you choose to do so, please self-identify on the SEOS cover sheet if this applies to you.
4. Submit the SEOS **application** that includes the application cover sheet, your CV, and a letter detailing your research interests and suitability for one or more SEOS projects.
5. Top students and alternates will be nominated by the SEOS UG Awards Committee. *Student nominees must then find a faculty supervisor by Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Receipt of the USRA is contingent on a suitable match being found.* Faculty will also be notified and given access to nominee's applications.

**Application Deadline: 4:00PM Wednesday FEBRUARY 15 2024**  
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