

Summer Undergraduate Queen's USSRF Awards

Objective: To provide an experiential learning opportunity for undergraduate students enrolled in a Bachelor's degree program (at the time of application) at Queen's. The program is intended to provide students with meaningful opportunities to engage in discovery-based learning and to develop research and presentation skills and is not limited to any one discipline.

Tentative Value and Duration: The total value is \$9800 (+ vacation pay and fringe benefits), with \$7120 provided by Queen's VPR, and the remainder supplemented by the supervisor (\$2860 + 4% vacation pay + ~10% fringe benefits). Students are paid a minimum of \$17.50 per hour x 35 hours x 16 weeks, for a total of \$9800. USSRF award recipients are expected to work full time (35 hours per week) for 16 consecutive weeks.

Terms:

- Students must work 16 consecutive weeks (35 hours per week) from May 1 – August 31
- Students are not permitted to do thesis research while holding an award;
- Students are not permitted to take courses during working hours throughout the term of their award.

Process: The selection process normally involves a combination of cumulative GPA for completed courses and a research interest statement (responses to four career-oriented questions). The Internal Application Form is to be submitted by 3:00pm, January 17, 2025. In the meantime, you are welcome to discuss possible opportunities for supervision of summer research projects with Biology faculty members ahead of time and you should be aware that faculty members are under no obligation to make any promises to students until students have been nominated. You will find a listing of biology faculty and their research interests at <https://biology.queensu.ca/people/department/professors/>

Deadline: Completed Internal Application Forms must be submitted electronically to ug.biology@queensu.ca by 3:00pm, January 17, 2025. Successful candidates will be notified the first week of February 2025. At this stage, successful candidates will need to secure a supervisor.

Supervisor Eligibility: The holder of a USSRF must be supervised by a biology faculty member. There is no restriction on who can supervisor a student, provided the university deems the faculty member eligible to supervise students and providing they can support their portion of the student award.

Eligibility for Applications:

- Students must be eligible to work in Canada;
- Must be registered in a bachelor's degree program at Queen's University;
- Must have obtained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 for completed courses;

- Graduating BIOL students are eligible providing they have not started a program of graduate studies;
- Queen's University and Queen's Biology is committed to equity and diversity in all programs and activities and welcomes applications from women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ persons.

To hold an award students will meet the following criteria:

- be registered full-time/part-time in a Bachelor's degree program at Queen's immediately before holding the award;
- not have started a program of graduate studies;
- be engaged in research and development activities on a full-time basis during the tenure of the award;
- not take courses during working hours throughout the term of the award;
- work 16 consecutive weeks on a full-time basis;
- submit an abstract of your summer research to the Student Inquiry at Queen's Journal at the completion of the work.

Note: The program is open to all Queen's students currently registered in a bachelor's degree program. Preference may be given to students who have not previously held a USSRF and have declared a Biology major.