NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Awards 2023
Department of Chemistry

Qualified undergraduate students in chemistry or a related discipline are encouraged to gain **practical experience** in science by joining an active research program for the summer. The Department offers competitive salaries.

Apply by contacting a faculty member to sponsor your application. Applications consist of a brief description of a research proposal (completed by faculty mentor), transcripts, and a one-page Statement of Interest. The deadline for applications is **January 17, 2023**. These awards are prestigious and competitive (and look good on a resume!). Unsuccessful NSERC applicants may be eligible for other employment opportunities in the Department.

The Department of Chemistry offers a broad array of federally-funded research programs in molecular sciences. Research for students in any sub-discipline of chemistry is available. Visit our website ([https://artsandscience.usask.ca/chemistry/undergraduates/summer-research.php](https://artsandscience.usask.ca/chemistry/undergraduates/summer-research.php)) for more information on these research fields:

- Analytical  
- Biological  
- Bioorganic  
- Environmental  
- Inorganic  
- Materials  
- Medicinal  
- Organic  
- Photovoltaics  
- Physical  
- Surface  
- Theoretical

**Eligibility:**
- Full-time BSc or BE student  
- Completed at least one year of studies  
- Cumulative average of 75% or higher  
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident

**Terms:**
- Work week: 40 hours  
- Duration: 16 week period between May and August 2023

**For more information, contact:**
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Thorvaldson 165  
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**Procedure to Apply for a 2023 NSERC USRA in the Department of Chemistry**

1. Select a Chemistry supervisor in an area of interest ([https://artsandscience.usask.ca/chemistry/undergraduates/summer-research.php](https://artsandscience.usask.ca/chemistry/undergraduates/summer-research.php)). Contact the faculty member to discuss the possibility of doing a summer research project and provide the faculty member with a copy of your unofficial advising transcript.

2. After a supervisor has been confirmed, request an official transcript which can be directly sent to you. (First ensure that your registration for Term 2 is complete.)

3. Fill out Form 202, Part I, online, from the NSERC website ([https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp)). Instructions for filling out Form 202, Part I are found here: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/e.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/e.asp). You must upload a copy of your own official, up-to-date transcript to the application in PDF format as described in the online instructions. You must use the correct department and major (described as field of study) on the application form. This information is located in PAWS. Your potential supervisor will need to complete Part II using the NSERC online system. Supervisors must use the correct start date of the award on their application form. The 16 week period this year is expected to begin May 1, 2023. The online application must be verified and submitted by the student once all tasks have been completed.

4. In addition to the submission to NSERC, applicants must also submit a one-page Statement of Interest to undergraduate.research@usask.ca. The statement should outline research interests, previous research and/or work experience, gaps or adversities faced, and relevance of a research experience to future goals. Please include your student number on the statement.

5. Send a copy of your application to Erin Wasylow, Department of Chemistry ([erin.wasylow@usask.ca](mailto:erin.wasylow@usask.ca)) or in Thorvaldson 165 (Chemistry main office).

Note: The deadline for applications is **January 17, 2023**.