

2021 NSERC USRA SUMMER AWARDS

1) NSERC USRA updates last year (2020-21) that continue this year

- ❖ Supervisor eligibility: supervisors will no longer be required to hold an active NSERC grant to supervise a USRA student.
- ❖ Travel allowance discontinued: Previously students coming from other institutions could claim a round trip travel allowance. This was rarely used and has been discontinued by NSERC.

2) **New this year - Temporary change for 2021-22:** Because of the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, awards will **not** be pro-rated this competition year. Anyone awarded a USRA will receive the full \$6,000 from NSERC and the minimum 25% top-up (\$1,500) from the department. Requests for shortened work terms need not be submitted.

3) **Selection process:** At UofT the selection is undertaken at the departmental level (against their quota) using NSERC assessment criteria. In 2020 a third criterion was added (c, below).

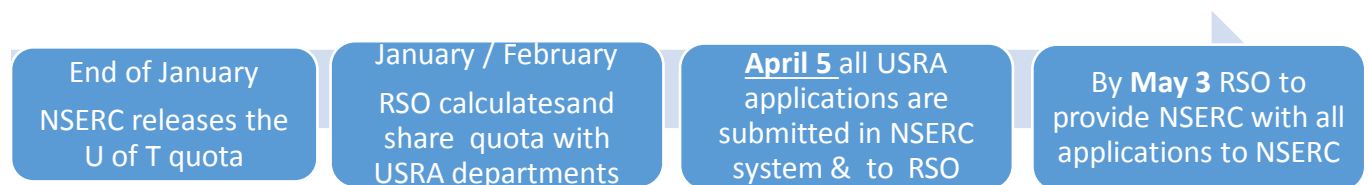
- Academic record
- Research aptitude
- Expected quality of the training to be received (suitability of the supervisor)

As with all internal research competitions, it is expected that principles of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) will be incorporated into the selection process.

4) NSERC USRA Overview

- To provide research work experience that will fully develop students potential for a research career in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE)
- to inspire students to consider graduate studies and pursue careers in the (NSE)
- NSERC encourages qualified Indigenous students to apply for this award. *Award Value:* \$6,000, plus a minimum 25% supplement (\$1,500) provided by the department – would be over and above the quota, i.e. does not count towards the quota
- Any supplement above 25%/\$1,500 may be set at the department or supervisor's discretion. Departments may provide fringe benefits. Eligible sources for supplement can include NSERC grants, research funds from university and other sources.

5) NSERC USRA –Summer Life Cycle



UofT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Step 1: Student Eligibility

- ❖ Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.
- ❖ Registered either full-time or part-time at the time of USRA application
- ❖ Must have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of "B" or "B-", if applicable)

Step 2: Supervisor Eligibility

- ❖ NSERC considers anyone that meets eligibility to apply for, and hold, grant funds according to NSERC's [Eligibility Criteria for Faculty](#) (the supervisor need not hold an active NSERC award)
 - ❖ Hold, or have a firm offer of, an academic appointment at a Canadian Institution (minimum three-year position or tenure track) as of September 1, 2021
 - ❖ Be in a position that requires independent research and allows supervision of HQP

Step 3a: NSERC On-Line System – First time users need to register:

- ❖ NSERC Initial registration for new users: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp

On-line Services Back Print Bookmark Larger Smaller

On-line System Overview
FDSR Overview
Support Request
PDF Forms and Instructions
Frequently Asked Questions
Troubleshooting Tips
Browser Information


On-line Services

Our on-line services are designed to give you easier access to NSERC's on-line systems.

On-line System Users
Select **On-line System Login** to create or access an application.

On-line System Login

- ▶ First-Time User? Please Register
- ▶ Frequently Asked Questions
- ▶ Forms in PDF Format and Instructions



NSERC
www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca

Français	Home	Contact Us	Help	Search	Canada Site
--------------------------	----------------------	----------------------------	----------------------	------------------------	-----------------------------

[Login >](#)

Main Menu

[Logout](#)

Proactive Disclosure

[Proactive Disclosure](#)

Security, Privacy and Use and Disclosure of Information

Before using NSERC's On-Line System, please read the following documents and register your acceptance below:

- NSERC's [Security Statement](#) and details on the retention periods of the data;
- NSERC's statement on the federal [Access to Information Act and Privacy Act](#);
- For applicants and co-applicants: [Use and Disclosure of Personal Information Provided to NSERC](#); and
- For Referees: [Instructions to Referees on the Privacy Act, Confidentiality and the Use and Disclosure of Information](#).

When you login and use this system, it means that you understand and accept that these policies and conditions apply.

Login

You will be automatically logged out of the system if there has not been any activity (e.g., Save, Preview, etc.) for an extended period of time. To avoid having to login again, we recommend that you select **Save** every 10 to 15 minutes.


Account name (User ID) (30 chars)
[Forgot your Account name?](#)

Password
[Forgot your Password?](#)

Must be 8-10 characters long, must contain at least one special character (! @ # \$ % ^ & * () + = { } | < > \ _ - [] / ?) and no spaces, may contain numbers (0-9), lower and upper case letters (a-z, A-Z). Please note that your password is case sensitive. (10 chars)

Step 3b: NSERC On-Line System- Complete Form 202 Part I

- ❖ NSERC PDF Forms and Instructions: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires_eng.asp



NSERC
www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca

Save	Preview	Contact Us	Help	Instructions	Logout
----------------------	-------------------------	----------------------------	----------------------	------------------------------	------------------------

[Application Profile >](#)

Form

[Application Profile](#)

[Personal Profile](#)

[Addresses](#)

[Academic Background](#)

[Awards](#)

[Transcripts](#)

Form 202 Part I - Application Profile

Program Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)

Application language English French

At the time of application, you are attending a postsecondary institution? Full time? Part time?

Have you ever held a USRA or Experience Award (previously IUSRA) in the past? Yes No

Save	Preview	Portfolio	Instructions	Logout
----------------------	-------------------------	---------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------

Date Modified: 2020/01/09 [^ Top of Page ^](#) [Important Notices](#)



Natural Sciences and Engineering
Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en sciences
naturelles et en génie du Canada

FORM 202 - PART I

Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) or Experience Award

System-ID
150682616

Date
2020/2/19

Reference No.
225852

Family name of student Dzamova	Given name Keti	Initial(s) of all given names K	Personal Identification no. (PIN) Valid 381495
-----------------------------------	--------------------	------------------------------------	---

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (including ongoing postsecondary degree)

Degree	Name of discipline	Institution	Department	Year and month of expected degree completion
Bachelor's	Specialist in Cell and Molecular Biology	Toronto	Biological Sciences (Scarborough)	2020/04

At the time of application, you are attending a postsecondary institution? full time? part time? Have you ever held a USRA or Experience Award (previously IUSRA) in the past? Yes No

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS RECEIVED (start with most recent and include NSERC awards)

Name of award	Location of tenure	Period held (yyyy/mm - yyyy/mm)

OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship
 Canadian citizen Permanent resident (Indicate date of landing as stated on official immigration document)

Language of correspondence
 English French Consent to sharing information for joint-funding opportunity Yes No

Current address 12 Queen's Park Crescent 3rd Floor Toronto ON M5S1A8 CANADA	Permanent mailing address (if different from current address) 12 Queen's Park Cres Toronto ON M5S1S8 CANADA
---	--

If current address is temporary, indicate leaving date Telephone number at permanent mailing address
1-416-9787118

Telephone number at current address 1-416-97877118	E-mail address m.folinas@utoronto.ca
---	---

Form 202-1 (2016 W) Personal information collected on this form and appendices will be stored in the Personal Information Bank for the appropriate program. Version française disponible
Canada **PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED**

Form 202 Part I - Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)

Once you have created your application, the system will assign it a reference number. Once Part I is complete, you must provide this number to your proposed supervisor to enable him or her to complete Part II. If you intend to apply a second time using your Form 202, do not forget to update it.

Reference Number	Status	Last Updated	Edit Form	Verify Completeness	Preview/Print
225852	In Progress	2016/05/10	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Verify"/>	<input type="button" value="Preview"/>

eConsole Logout

Step 3c: NSERC On-Line System- Complete Form 202 Part II



Save	Preview	Contact Us	Help	Instructions	Logout
-------------	----------------	-------------------	-------------	---------------------	---------------

[Project Profile >](#)

Form
Project Profile
Supervisor Profile
Current Employment
Address at Location of Tenure
Outline of Proposed Research Project
Preview Student's Form (Part I)
University Comments

Form 202 Part II - Project Profile

Program Undergraduate Student Research Awards

Student name

Student Reference Number

Proposed work term **Year** yyyy

Title of proposed research project (100 chars)

Research subject code

Application language English French

Institution that will administer the award

Department

Save	Preview	Portfolio	Instructions	Logout
-------------	----------------	------------------	---------------------	---------------

Date Modified: 2020/01/09

[Top of Page](#)

[Important Notices](#)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada		Conseil de recherches en sciences naturelles et en génie du Canada	
FORM 202 - PART II Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award			
		System ID	240894429
		Date	2020/02/19
<small>In accordance with the <i>Privacy Act</i>, this information will be accessible to the student. Read the instructions before you complete this application.</small>			
Family name of student/Reference No.	Given name	Initial(s) of all given names	
Keating/234498	Jessica	N	
Name and title of proposed supervisor		E-mail of proposed supervisor	
Dzamorva Ketii / 381495 Associate Professor		ketii.dzamorva@utoronto.ca	
Institution/Organization that will administer the award		Department	
Toronto		Research Services, Office of	
Grant application no. (proposed supervisor)	Personal identification no. (PIN) (proposed supervisor)		
999999	Valid 381495		
Address at location of tenure		Proposed Start Date	
12 Queen's Park Cres		2020/05/01	
Toronto ON M5S1S8		Telephone	
CANADA		1-416-9787118	
		Fax	
PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT			
Title of proposed research project			Research subject code
The Analysis of Research Funding			2900
Outline of proposed research project			
We propose to analyze the following regarding research funding by the Research Services Office:			
Outline of the student's role			
Thee role of the student will be to analyze the following: 1. Number of applications 2. Number of Co-applicants 3. Amount Requested 4. Years of Funding			
Form 202-2 (2016 W) 		Personal information collected on this form and appendices will be stored in the Personal Information Bank for the appropriate program. PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED	
		Version française disponible	

Form 202 Part II - Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)

1. Select **Verify** to ensure your application is complete (status will appear as Completed).
2. **Submit** your application to your institution for approval (status will appear as Submitted). This action is the equivalent of you signing the application. Refer to [Electronic Submission of Applications](#).
3. Your institution submits your application to NSERC for consideration (status will appear as **Approved**).

Student Name	Term	Status	Last Updated	Edit Form	Verify Completeness	Preview/ Print	Submit to LO
Baylon,Joanna	Summer	In Progress	2016/05/13	Edit	Verify	Preview	Submit
Keating,Jessica	Summer	Submitted	2013/01/17			Preview	Submit

eConsole Logout

Step 4: Department nomination package – Due APRIL 5, 2021

Only e-copies of the following documents are due to rso.vpr@utoronto.ca by **April 5, 2021**

- ❖ Departmental electronic nomination table (excel format);
- ❖ Student/Supervisor Certification Form;
- ❖ Departmental Certification Form;

Electronic NSERC applications on the NSERC web portal must be completed and submitted by the student and supervisor.

NSERC Resources:

- ❖ NSERC Initial registration for new users: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp
- ❖ NSERC PDF Forms and Instructions: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Forms-Formulaires_eng.asp
- ❖ NSERC USRA Website: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/ug-pc/usra-brpc_eng.asp
- ❖ U of T Research Funding Opportunities: <https://research.utoronto.ca/funding-opportunities/db/undergraduate-student-research-award>