NSERC, NSERC ABORIGINAL AND FACULTY OF SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

Objectives
These awards are intended to stimulate the interest of undergraduate students in research by providing them with valuable experience in a scientific research environment, and to encourage them to undertake graduate studies. Students holding one of these awards must be exposed to research activities during their work period.

Eligibility
• Visa students are not eligible for NSERC awards.
• Students from other universities are only eligible for the NSERC awards.
• Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 (see next page for details).
• University of Manitoba students must be registered as full-time students (i.e. minimum of 9 credit hours per term) in a Faculty of Science Bachelor's degree program at time of application. If a student has been registered full-time throughout their program, except for the final term during which they are only required to register part-time to complete their degree, they are still eligible to apply for an award to be held in the term immediately following their final term. Co-op or other students who complete their degree requirements in December rather than April are eligible to hold a Faculty of Science award in the summer following their final term.
• Students may have applied to but must not have started a program of graduate studies.
• Students already in possession of a Bachelor's degree who are studying towards a second Bachelor's degree are eligible to hold this award, provided they do not hold a higher degree in the natural sciences.
• Students may hold a maximum of three total (NSERC and/or Faculty of Science) awards throughout their university career.
• Supervisors for NSERC awards must be NSERC holders and supervisors for all types of awards must hold an appointment in the Faculty of Science.

Value of Awards
NSERC: These awards have a minimum value of $6,000. Of this amount, $4,500 will be provided by NSERC and the remainder (at least $1,500*) will be provided by the supervisor.

Faculty of Science: These awards have a minimum value of $5,500. Of this amount, $3,750 will be provided by the Office of the Dean of Science and the remainder (at least $1,750*) will be provided by the supervisor.

The Jack Prior Memorial Undergraduate Summer Research Prize and the H.D. Gesser Undergraduate Summer Research Prize in Chemistry: These awards have a minimum value of $6,000. Of this amount, $4,500 is funded by donor support and the remainder (at least $1,500*) provided by the supervisor.
*The supervisor’s portion can be from an NSERC grant or any of their other research grants. In spite of this latitude in source of funding, the supervisor of a student holding an NSERC award must hold an active NSERC research grant.

**Duration of Support**
The duration of the NSERC and Faculty of Science awards is 16 consecutive weeks. If a supervisor wishes to extend this period, the difference will have to be provided from the supervisor's grant(s).

**Location of Tenure**
Students may undertake their research project through any department in the Faculty of Science.

**Cumulative GPA**

**Application Procedures**
Application forms are available on the Faculty of Science website: [http://www.sci.umanitoba.ca/?page_id=346](http://www.sci.umanitoba.ca/?page_id=346)
These must be completed by the student and signed by the proposed supervisor. The recommendation section of the form must be completed by a Professor/Instructor who is familiar with the applicant's abilities, who then returns the form to the applicant. An official transcript is not required, but the completed form must also be accompanied by the student's online academic transcript. An incomplete form may result in a negative award decision.

**Selection of Students**
Ranking will be based on Cumulative GPA for all awards except the Jack Prior Award. The Jack Prior award is selected based on the student's community involvement and/or leadership but students must also hold a minimum GPA of 3.5.

No paper copy of the applications. PDF for the USRA and Word document for the Jack Prior saved on the “S” drive/Awards/USRA or “S” drive/Awards/Jack Prior

Dean's Office deadline: Friday, January 13, 2017