

# St. Francis Xavier Undergraduate Student Summer Research Awards Common Application Form

Deadline: 12:00PM (Noon), February 8, 2019, submitted in person to Research Services Group, Lane B111

For use for applications to any internal program, including, but not limited to:  
NSERC USRA, Alley Heaps, RBC Research Internships, Irving Mentorships

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program of Study / Degree Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor / Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

For the purpose of assigning awards based on **alignment with funding sources**, please check all that apply. My proposed research project is related to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Culture and Human Development             | <input type="checkbox"/> Canada - US Relations                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy, Natural Resources & Environment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Affairs   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health and Wellness                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Issues / Policy                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Affairs / Governance                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Organizational Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Underserved Communities / Social Policy / Social Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy / Governance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiculturalism / Linguistic Diversity                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Studies / Leadership              | <input type="checkbox"/> Computing Science  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics / Trade / Finance               | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM (Science)   |

**Certification requirements.** Will this research involve:

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| • Research involving humans | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | If yes to any of these, proof of certification obtained from the appropriate committee is required before any payroll amounts can be processed and paid. |
| • Use of animals            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| • Use of biohazards         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |

For the purpose of potentially assigning **certain NSERC USRA awards**, do you identify as an Indigenous person, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, or Inuit? (Note: First Nations include Status and Non-Status Indians.)  Yes  No  I prefer not to answer at this time.

For **NSERC USRA eligibility only**, are you a Canadian Citizen/Permanent Resident:  Yes  No

**Attachments** (please attach the following documents to this application form):

- One page research proposal (objectives, context, methodology, expected impact or outcomes).
  - Format: ¾ inch margins all around, 11pt font, single spacing, project title and name at the top.
- One page list of citations from page 1, with optional additional bibliographic references (if applicable).
- STFX Student Grade Report.

**By signing below**, the student certifies that s/he has prepared this application package largely on her/his own, with guidance and advice from the supervisor/mentor. The supervisor certifies that the student has prepared the research proposal largely on her/his own, with guidance and advice, and that the supervisor agrees to provide the supervision and mentorship necessary for the student to carry out the proposed project, including where appropriate, access to laboratory space, research materials, training, etc.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Mentor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## StFX Undergraduate Student Summer Research Awards: Information Page

This program offers StFX students the opportunity to be involved in the creation of new knowledge and creative use of existing knowledge through original research carried out under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Through this program, students will build on the knowledge they have acquired in their courses and will have the opportunity to develop and apply new analytical skills. Perhaps most importantly, through this program, students have the opportunity to participate in a community of researchers that share their interests. Many StFX students have, while still enrolled in Bachelor programs, presented papers at learned conferences, been authors on articles published in international journals, and/or contributed to knowledge mobilization through local, regional, national or international collaborations.

Before applying, each student should discuss the proposed research project with her/his supervisor/mentor. Once the application, including the proposed research project description, is completed, the form must be signed by the student and the supervisor/mentor.

Students make one single application for a summer student research award, and successful applicants will be assigned funds based on the match of their project area with each of our sources of funds. Students (and their supervisors) awarded NSERC USRA funds will complete a separate (short) application form on the NSERC website.

Projects must start no earlier than May 1 and must end no later than August 31. All awards are valued at \$6,250; students will be paid \$13/hr less deductions, within the award value. Students are expected to work roughly the equivalent of 35 hours per week for 12.5 weeks (exact start and end dates, hours per week, etc., subject to agreement between supervisor and student). **Funding is for student summer research wages (and required benefits) only and cannot be used for other expenses.**

Applications will be reviewed and adjudicated by the University Council of Research. Evaluation Criteria:

- The academic record of the student (50%)
- Quality of the proposed research project and expected outcomes (50%)

As a condition of accepting these awards, the awardee will write a summary of the outcomes of the project and provide a copy of the summary to the Office of the Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies. Information from these summaries may be used (in whole or in part) by StFX in its communications materials.

### **Irving Research Mentorship Program (The Frank McKenna Centre for Leadership)**

Funding for this program comes from Irving Oil Limited. Funding supports research projects across a broad range of disciplines as articulated in the StFX Strategic Plan for Research.

**Eligibility:** Students in all Bachelor programs are encouraged to apply. Students must be enrolled in full-time studies in a Bachelor's degree during the most recent complete academic term (prior to the application deadline) at StFX, and be intending to return to full-time studies in the same Bachelor program in the term following the award period.

### **RBC Foundation Research Internship Program (The Mulroney Institute of Government)**

Funding for this program comes from the RBC Foundation. Funding supports research with relevance for public policy, government or governance: women's studies and leadership; economics, trade and finance; Canada-US relations; global affairs; environmental issues and policy; Indigenous affairs and governance; underserved communities, social policy and government; and multiculturalism and linguistic diversity.

**Eligibility:** Students in all Bachelor programs are encouraged to apply. Students must be enrolled in full-time studies in a Bachelor's degree during the most recent complete academic term (prior to the application deadline) at StFX, and be intending to return to full-time studies in the same Bachelor program in the term following the award period.

**NSERC USRA (STEM and Science)**

Funding from this program comes from NSERC. Funding supports research projects in any discipline supported within NSERC's mandate. Supervisors must hold a current NSERC grant; those who do not must seek prior approval to do so from NSERC.

**Eligibility:** Students in any discipline may apply but the proposed project must be NSERC-eligible and is normally aligned with the proposed supervisor's NSERC funded program of research. Students must have completed at least two full years of study at the time of taking up the award (that is, current second year students may apply). Students who are graduating in May of this year may also apply (there is no requirement to be returning to academic study at the end of the award period). Students must have a minimum B- or 70% average to apply.

**Alley Heaps Undergraduate Research Internship Awards (Computing Science)**

Funding from this program comes from Dr. H. Stanley and Doreen Alley Heaps Endowment. Funding supports research projects in Computing Science.

**Eligibility:** Students must have completed at least two full years of study at the time of taking up the award (that is, current second year students may apply). Students who are graduating in May of this year may also apply (there is no requirement to be returning to academic study at the end of the award period). Students must have a minimum B- or 70% average to apply.