IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
NSERC UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS (USRA) COMPETITION SUMMER 2018

We are pleased to announce that there are 10 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) available this Summer term for students who negotiate to work with a supervisor who is a current recipient of NSERC, NCE, CRC, or CERC funds in the Faculty of Health Sciences (please refer to the attached list of Health Sciences’ faculty members who are current Tri-Council grant holders).

The regulations governing the USRA Program are described on the NSERC website http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp. Additional information packages are provided to the departments.

CAREFULLY READ THE REGULATIONS TO VERIFY YOU SATISFY THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

The value of the USRA remains $4,500, plus Researchers/Supervisors must contribute a minimum 25% of the award.

However, please note: Human Resources and Labour Relations have indicated that the minimum stipend supplement required by NSERC does not comply with provincial minimum wage laws. The provincial minimum is $14.00/hour. As such, as an institution, we are requesting that you supplement the award with a minimum of $3,340 (effective January 1, 2018).

The term remains at 16 consecutive weeks.

Applicants must complete NSERC Form 202, Parts I and II. The proposed supervisor must complete an Application for an Undergraduate Student Research Award Part II (Form 202). Students and supervisors should complete the forms online. Online services for NSERC can be accessed at http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp.

Please note that filling out the form online will not transmit your application electronically to NSERC. You MUST PRINT both Parts I and II of Form 202, and submit your complete application package *including the signature page* to the Health Research Services Office, HSC-3H9 by the
deadline of **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 at 4:00PM**. Final electronic submission of the application must also be done by the supervisor at this time.

You must submit an official University transcript with your completed Application. To request a transcript, please go to the Registrar’s Office, GH-108 or complete the Transcript Request Form at https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/services/transcripts/request/ and give them at least 5 business days to produce the transcript, which you will need to pick up.

**INTERNAL APPLICATION DEADLINE**

COMPLETE HARD COPY Application Packages must be submitted via the appropriate Faculty of Health Sciences Departmental Office to the HRS Office, HSC-3H9 no later than:

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

**NO DEADLINE DATE EXTENSIONS**

Please note that you may also approach a supervisor outside of the Faculty of Health Sciences, but you must comply with the internal deadline date for your supervisor’s department and submit your application and transcript to them for review and consideration.

Please note that if you decide to approach a supervisor at another University, you must submit your completed application to the host University and it is at their discretion whether to accept candidates from another University. Please ensure that you comply with the host institution’s application deadline date.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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