



Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences

Undergraduate Research Awards

First step: decide what sort of research you want to do

Second step: Seek out potential supervisors ASAP!

Once you have identified a potential supervisor and a project, it will likely require multiple (3+) iterations of draft and feedback for your research proposal and application to be ready.

Note: Your past academic achievement is among the criteria.

Eligibility

- full-time student (18 credits over both terms of 2019/20 Winter session) in a Barber School degree program
- completion of at least 75 credits by May 2020 (including transfer credits)
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or international student with a study permit
- available for full-time employment for 16 weeks during Summer 2020
- intent to continue as a full-time student at the Okanagan campus (9 credits in T1 or total 18 credits over T1+T2) in Sept 2020
- not a previous URA winner

International Undergraduate Research Awards (IURA)

- Any international student that applies for a IURA will also be considered for the URA.

If you are eligible for an IURA then please check the box on Form A.

Application Procedures

- consider possible research areas / projects, contact potential supervisor(s)
- students complete an application form
 - personal information and qualifications
 - short abstract and two page research proposal
 - budget and budget justification
- supervisor completes a three-page recommendation
- Tip: Attend the URA Proposal Writing Workshop

- Note: If your project will require certification for ethics, animal care, or use of biohazardous material, preparation of the certification application should begin *before* the awards are announced (certification must be complete before May 31, or the award is cancelled).
- Research undertaken may be incorporated into a supervisor's existing certification for ethics, animal care, or use of biohazardous material.
- So ... work with a prospective supervisor to either
 - a) determine if your research can be included under existing certificates or
 - b) prepare new certification application as appropriate.

Award Criteria

- Quality of proposed research
 - Merit of research and potential impact on the field
 - Strength of research design and overall feasibility of proposed research
 - Clarity, presentation, and logic of proposal

- Researcher's abilities, qualifications, and potential for growth
 - Personal initiative and autonomy
 - Ability to think critically and analytically, to apply skills and knowledge
 - Determination and ability to complete projects in a timely fashion
 - Communication skills and ability
 - Past academic achievement
 - Relevant academic training and experience
 - Other relevant experiences and accomplishments

Activities of Award Winners

- 16 weeks original research under supervision of Barber School faculty member
- participation in regular meetings of all URA students during the summer
- presentation of research results at symposium in September 2020
- brief final report

Application deadline:

4 pm, Monday, January 27, 2020

For advice please contact:

Robin Young (Science) Advisor - robin.young@ubc.ca

TBA (Arts) Advisor

URA Proposal Writing Workshop – Monday, January 6, 2020

from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in ASC 130

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Information and forms can be found at:

<http://ikbsas.ok.ubc.ca/awards/undergrad/ura.html>

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***Let's hear from some of our
previous UG Research
students about their
experience doing their UG
Research over the Summer.***

***Feel free to ask us any
questions you may have***