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