

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

2025 Undergraduate Award Student Eligibility

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Award (UROP)

Eligibility:

- Students must have a minimum B+ average in the two terms of undergraduate studies immediately preceding award acceptance and must complete a full-time study term directly prior to the award period.
- Students who have completed their undergraduate program are not eligible to apply unless they have been accepted into or are currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional program (medical undergraduate).
- Students who have completed an undergraduate degree and have been accepted into a graduate program but have not yet begun are eligible to apply.
- University of Toronto and non-University of Toronto students may be considered, including international students (with valid student visa for the full summer work term).
- Students must be supervised by a faculty member of the Department of Physiology.
- Failure to comply with this rule may result in the application being denied.
- Students cannot accept multiple summer research awards at the same time.
- Be engaged on a full-time basis in research activities under the direction of an eligible supervisor.
- Preference will be given to students who have an interest in a research career in physiology and who have taken at least an introductory course in physiology.
- Research must be in health research in any area, cardiovascular/heart, cancer and cancer related diseases, kidney and kidney related diseases or respiratory diseases.

Research and Health Sciences Education (RHSE) Undergraduate Summer Research Studentship (USRS)

Eligibility:

- Students must have a minimum B+ average in the two terms of undergraduate studies immediately preceding award acceptance and must complete a full-time study term directly prior to the award period.
- Students who have completed an undergraduate degree and have been accepted into a graduate program but have not yet begun are eligible to apply.
- A student must have a genuine interest in pursuing graduate studies in the life/health sciences.
- University of Toronto and non-University of Toronto students may be considered, including international students (with valid student visa for the full summer work term).
- Students must be supervised by a faculty member of the Department of Physiology.
- Students may only submit one application to this program and each professor may only sponsor one student. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the application being denied.
- Students cannot accept multiple summer research awards at the same time.
- Be engaged on a full-time basis in research activities under the direction of an eligible supervisor.
- Preference will be given to students who have an interest in future graduate training, a research career in physiology and who have taken at least an introductory course in physiology.
- No restrictions on research topics.

University of Toronto Excellence Awards (UTEA)

Eligibility:

- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, a foreign student (with valid student visa for the full summer work term).
- Be registered in a Bachelor's degree program at the University of Toronto either as 1) a full-time student, or 2) a part-time student only if the UTEA will be held during the student's final session and the student requires only a part-time courseload to complete their degree.
- Be registered either at the time of application or in the term immediately before the award start date; graduating students may hold an award in the term immediately following completion of their undergraduate degree, if they have not started a graduate program; and
- Have obtained a cumulative average of "B+". For students in higher years, this average can be applied to the best two years of study.
- Students are ineligible if they are enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., M.D., D.D.S., B.Sc.N.); hold a degree above a Bachelor's in NSE, HLS or are currently enrolled in graduate studies.
- Must be supervised by a faculty member of the Department of Physiology who is campus-based (i.e. have their primary budgetary appointment in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine) and either holds an active NSERC or CIHR grant or have a pending application with one of those agencies at the start date of the UTEA (May 1, 2025).
- Students may only submit one application to this program per year and each professor may only sponsor two students. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the application being denied.
- Students cannot accept multiple summer research awards at the same time.
- Be engaged on a full-time basis in research activities under the direction of an eligible supervisor.
- Preference will be given to 2nd or 3rd year students who have an interest in future graduate training, a research career in physiology and who have taken at least an introductory course in physiology.
- No restrictions on research topics.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)

Eligibility:

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Registered either full-time or part-time (at the time of application) in a bachelor's degree program in at least one of the two terms immediately before holding the award. NSERC, however, expects that most awards will be held by full-time students. A student is still eligible if they already hold a bachelor's degree, as long as they are currently studying towards a second bachelor's degree in the natural sciences or engineering.
- Must have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least second class (a grade of B or B-).
- Must have completed, at the time of application, a minimum of two academic terms/semesters. Note that current first-year students are therefore not eligible.
- Graduating students may hold the award in the term immediately following the completion of their undergraduate program requirements, as long as they have not started a program of graduate studies.
- A student may hold only one USRA per fiscal year and may hold a maximum of three USRAs throughout their university career.
- Be engaged on a full-time basis in research and development activities in the natural sciences or engineering during the award tenure.
- Are supervised by a faculty member who meets [NSERC's Eligibility Criteria for Faculty](#). Eligible faculty must hold a tenured, tenure-track or professor emeritus position or a contract position of no less than three continuous years. must be eligible to hold an NSERC (but do not currently have to have one) and must also have a primary appointment and/or funds administered by our department.