

## **Roger S Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Awards** in the Faculty of Arts, funded in partnership with Killam

### **Terms of Reference**

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This award is intended to cultivate and support research collaboration between undergraduate students and faculty members.

The Roger S Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Awards in the Faculty of Arts will provide undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts with an opportunity to receive funding intended to cover approximately 15 weeks (or ~330 hours) of research-based activity over the summer months.

#### **Number and Value of Awards**

There will be approximately 15 awards of \$5000.00 each. The exact number of awards may vary slightly from year to year.

#### **Eligibility**

Awards will be made to selected applicants who fulfill all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Is a full-time Faculty of Arts student with satisfactory academic standing.
- With a Faculty minimum GPA of 3.3 for all courses taken while registered in the Faculty of Arts.
- Are continuing full-time in an Arts undergraduate degree program in the fall of the current year.
- At the time of application, have completed a minimum of 30, and a maximum of 90 credits (+/- 6 credits), towards your degree.
- Are legally entitled to work on campus.
  
- Students who are graduating, special students, open studies students, not continuing full-time, or those who are planning to transfer to another Faculty are not eligible.

#### **Deadline for Applications**

- Applications must be received by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** (if this date falls on a holiday or weekend, applications will be accepted the following business day).
- Award winners will be notified by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Expectations:**

- Students are expected to commit and spend ~330 hours towards their project during the 15 weeks the award is intended to cover.
- All work should be completed during the summer months, May to August.

- At the end of the summer, students are required to produce a brief final report which should include a short outline of what they have accomplished, were the outcomes expected, what was learned, and what was gained from the experience.
- Students are required to prepare a poster based on their research conducted over the summer and participate in the reception and poster display in early October.

### **Faculty Supervisor's Role**

- Must be a continuing, tenure track faculty member in the Faculty of Arts.
- Is willing and committed to mentor the student they are agreeing to supervise. By co-signing the application, you are agreeing to supervise the work and confirming that the student is developing their own project and not simply work as your RA for the summer.
- Supervisors from other faculties are not eligible to act as supervisors to Arts students except in the case of co-supervisors, where at least one faculty supervisor is a continuing, tenure track faculty member in the Faculty of Arts, the other may be from another faculty.

### **Other Notes:**

The award is tenable only once in an undergraduate student's career.

Students may not hold both a Roger S Smith USRA and a URI Undergraduate Researcher Stipend at the same time for the same project. In order to hold both awards at the same time the student must have 2 different projects with 2 different supervisors **AND** must supply written permission from **both** supervisors to proceed. The terms of the Roger S Smith award dictate you are expected to spend about 330 hours (~22 hours/week) on your project. Permission from your supervisors must acknowledge this requirement and that they will ensure adherence.

Preference will be given to projects structured as internships assisting students in gaining research skills and experience.

Project timelines are flexible and may vary according to the schedules and commitments of both the academic supervisor and the student researcher. Student's efforts are not limited to collecting data or writing a literature review, but will result in a final product, such as a poster. Proposed activities might be either a topic that the student has designed, or contribute to a faculty supervisor's existing project.

While a link to the supervising professor's research is encouraged, projects that appear as if the student is simply working as the professor's RA will not be approved. The project must be the student's initiative.

Students may not use, or continue with, their current Honours project/thesis as their Roger S Smith project.

If at any time during the course of the award a student becomes ineligible to hold the award, the Registrar's office reserves the right to revoke the award.

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