**NSERC USRA**

**Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2016 9:00 am**

**What is the NSERC USRA and am I eligible?**

If you are an undergraduate student who'd like to get research experience in an academic setting, you should consider applying for an Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA). Through these awards, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) subsidizes eligible professors to hire students to work on their research projects. The program creates interesting research-related jobs and gives you the opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

**How do you find USRA positions in the School of Health & Exercise Sciences?**

Take a look at the eligible professors in SHES and their area of research, and contact the person who you think best fits your interests. Here are some tips:

* Know what you are going to say: be prepared to talk about your interests, knowledge areas, and lab or volunteer experience. Familiarize yourself with the professor's research subject so you can ask informed questions about it. This will show that you are genuinely interested in helping with the research.
* Bring a copy of your resume and unofficial transcripts.
* Familiarize yourself with the program rules and application procedures. <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/usra-iusra_eng.asp>
* Regardless of whether you get the position or not, thank the professor for their time.

The following faculty members are currently eligible to supervise/sponsor an NSERC-USRA student:

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| **Professor** |  | **email** |
| Phil Ainslie | Cerebrovascular physiology | philip.ainslie@ubc.ca |
| Gord Binsted | Neural control of movement | gordon.binsted@ubc.ca |
| Neil Eves | Integrative cardiovascular and pulmonary physiology | neil.eves@ubc.ca |
| Glen Foster | Hypoxia and neurovascular control | glen.foster@ubc.ca |
| Jennifer Jakobi | Neuromuscular physiology | jennifer.jakobi@ubc.ca |
| Jon Little | Exercise, metabolism, inflammation | jonathan.little@ubc.ca |
| Ali McManus | Pediatric exercise physiology | ali.mcmanus@ubc.ca |
| Chris McNeil | Muscle fatigue | chris.mcneil@ubc.ca |
| Paul van Donkelaar | Neural control of movement | paul.vandonkelaar@ubc.ca |

**How do I apply?**

Contact and discuss your interest with a faculty member.

Once you have a commitment from a faculty member to support your application begin the application, in consultation with the faculty member.

Both Project Supervisors and students must complete and submit an NSERC USRA application Form 202 (student) and Part II (supervisor), by clicking on “System Login” or, if you are a first time user, “Register”.  Forward your **reference number** to the supervisor so they can include it in their part of the application.

[Instructions](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/e.asp) on how to complete the forms can be found on the [NSERC USRA website](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp).

**Once completed online, a copy of the forms (Part I and Part II, as well as the student’s transcripts) have to be submitted to the School of Health and Exercise Sciences by March 4th, 2016 at 9:00am. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Please **submit 1 printed copy of the complete application package (including printout of scanned transcript file)** including the student and supervisor names on the sealed envelope to:

Jennifer Rhodes - Attn: Dr. Jennifer Jakobi, FHSD, Room 360, 3rd floor of the ARTS Building

Your USRA Coordinator (Dr. Jakobi) will be in touch with your proposed project supervisor about the outcome of the application.

Helpful Hints:

NSERC: <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/Index_eng.asp>

NSERC USRA: <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/OnlineServices-ServicesEnLigne/instructions/202/usra-iusra_eng.asp>

NSERC Program Guide: <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/index_eng.asp>