

**MESSAGE TO UNDERGRADUATE CHEMISTRY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN
DOING RESEARCH DURING THE SUMMER OF 2010
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
Undergraduate Summer Research Awards (USRA)
Department of Chemistry, UWO**

Eligibility requirements

- **You must currently be in 2nd, 3rd or 4th Year Chemistry or Chemistry/Biochemistry**
- You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
- If you are interested in doing research under the supervision of a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry during *all four months of the summer*, you must have at least a *B average over all of your past undergraduate courses* in order to be eligible to apply for one of these awards. (Please note: Actual averages for students winning awards are often considerably higher, in the past few years an average above 80 was required - the awards are highly competitive.)
- For other eligibility requirements and further information about these awards, including instructions for the application, you must check the following web site: <http://www.nserc.ca/> (Follow the links "For Students" then "Undergraduate" then "USRA" from there)

If you are eligible - after you have consulted the web page above - and you wish to be considered for an award at Western in the Department of Chemistry then you MUST do the following:

1. **Send an e-mail message to Ms McCaw, Secretary, Department of Chemistry** (smccaw@uwo.ca) as follows:
 - Your name, student number, Western e-mail address (and, optional, a back up email address)
 - Your current year and program
 - Your current courses
 - Your cumulative average of ALL courses taken at university level up to the end of August 2009.

This e-mail MUST be received BEFORE noon Monday, November 9, 2010

2. Apply for access to NSERC's web site to complete **FORM 202 part 1** online.
3. Complete **part 1** of the online form and print.
4. Hand in this single page (no transcript is needed unless you have taken university courses outside of Western) to Ms McCaw in the Main Office in Chemistry (ChB 119) **BEFORE noon Monday, November 30, 2009**. Late applications cannot be considered in this year's competition.

On **Thursday, January 14, 2010, 5:30-7:00 pm in ChB 9** there will be a single meeting where faculty members (or a group representative) who have projects available will describe them briefly. A booklet summarizing the available projects will be sent out approximately one week prior to this meeting. That evening you will be asked to select four research projects that interest you. We will try and match at least one of your choices to a faculty member. Following this session, the Faculty of Science will consider all applications across the Faculty to make the awards provided by NSERC. The award is highly competitive.

(Note: other departments and other universities have different procedures and deadlines.)

Brian Pagenkopf, Chair - Chemistry Scholarships Committee