

2023 Western Undergraduate Student Summer Internship (USRI)**Biology Department****Faculty of Science**

Overview. The Western Undergraduate Summer Research Internships (USRIs) provide undergraduate students with engaged research experiences under the mentorship of a faculty member and are intended to stimulate undergraduate students' interest in research through direct exposure and hands-on experiences conducting research. Through participation in this program, students gain valuable and high-impact research, technical and professional skills that will help support academic and career development towards their future professional goals. Faculty mentors benefit from meaningful engagement, assistance towards their research program and can use the opportunity to further a diverse HQP training environment.

Eligibility.

1. Students must have been enrolled at Western in an undergraduate program in Winter 2023 and should be planning to attend Western in Fall 2023.
2. Students with a cumulative average of at least 65%. Preference will be given to those in Year 3 and those with primary program in the Faculty of Science.
3. Students must be available to participate in research activity for 16 weeks between May 1 and August 31, 2023, under the supervisor from a faculty mentor with an appointment in the Department of Biology.
4. Students must secure the supervisor before applying for the internship. Students are encouraged to visit faculty profiles on the Department of Biology website and view the research interests of Biology faculty to find one or more who's research interests them. They should then make an appointment with potential supervisors to discuss possible projects. Students should also take an unofficial transcript with them to these meetings.

PART I out of IV

Applicant's Information
Name (Last, First): Student number: Email: Mailing address:
Cumulative average (all grades, including Fall 2022):
Program of enrolment:
Year of enrolment:

Email to:

Ms. Beata Malczewski, Undergraduate Coordinator: bmalcze@uwo.ca

PART II out of IV**Biology Student Statement Form**

Name: _____

Supervisor: _____

Student Statement (max 250 words): This statement will assist the ranking committee in evaluating **USRI** applicants. Points you may want to include are the importance, to you, of receiving this award, your relevant work or volunteer experience, your research interests, the proposed research project, etc...

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PART III out of IV

As part of the ongoing commitment Western has made for EDI-D, the Faculty of Science strongly values the diversity of their awardees. Students from equity deserving groups, such as but not limited to Black, Indigenous, students of color, students with disabilities, students who self-identify as LGBTQ2S+, immigrants and newcomers, and women are particularly encouraged to apply to the USRI program.

Supplementary funding from the Faculty of Science will be available to provide additional opportunities for qualified applicants who self-identify as members of equity deserving groups using the following questionnaire. Submission of the information below is optional and it will only be used for the ranking of applications*.

- ☐ I self-identify as Indigenous, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit)
- ☐ I self-identify as Black
- ☐ I self-identify as other racialized group (visible minority); e.g., East Asian, Latino/a or Latinx, South Asian, Southeast Asian, West Asian or Middle Eastern.
- ☐ I self-identify as a [first-generation](#) Canadian
- ☐ I self-identify as a student who has financial needs that qualify for [Bursaries and Work Study](#)
- ☐ I self-identify as a person with a disability as described in the Accessible Canada Act
- ☐ I self-identify as a member of LGBTQ2S+
- ☐ I self-identify as a woman
- ☐ I self-identify as another equity deserving group not included above: _____

Click [here](#) for additional information regarding the definitions of the above groups.

*Personal EDI-D information will only be used for the application evaluation committee for the 2023 USRI competition, and it will not be accessible to potential supervisors. Only anonymous aggregate data of the equity deserving group constituency may be released.

WSRI Summer 2023

Access to Academic Record Form of Consent

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)

I, _____ give permission to the administrative personnel in the Department/Faculty of _____ at Western University to obtain a copy of my Academic Record*. This document will be used to determine my eligibility in compliance with the guidelines of the WSRI Undergraduate Student Research Awards program to which I have applied.

Student Number	
Student Signature	
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	

***Note:** The Western “**Academic Record**” is also what must be attached to the NSERC USRA application submitted in the NSERC Online System for Western students. (*Official transcripts* are also acceptable, but not required, for Western students. Official transcripts, plus legend, *are* mandatory for students from other universities who are taking up a USRA at Western.)

The Academic Record must show marks through to **Dec. 31, 2022**.

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