

Western USRI Program in the Faculty of Science ([feel free to copy this section in your mass email to students about USRI](#))

- Western Research is again funding the USRI program in 2022, which is intended to provide undergraduate students with engaged research experiences.
- Students will receive a minimum of \$8400 from the 16-week internship.
- The Faculty of Science values diversity of their awardees and additional funding will be used to provide extra opportunities for students from equity deserving groups.
- The eligibility is returning student in Fall 2022 with a minimum of 65% cumulative average (as of January 1, 2022 – **including Fall 2021 grades**).
- Departments are asked to widely advertise the USRI opportunity to all of their students and encourage equity deserving groups to apply.
- Students will be given **the option to disclose** that they are a member of 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.
- We acknowledge that equity deserving groups often encounter additional barriers in securing a willing supervisor to support their applications. Departments are encouraged to have a flexible student-supervisor matching process that allow students to enter the competition and be ranked even without a pre-matched supervisor.

2022 Western Undergraduate Student Summer Internship (USRI) - 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 2022 and should be planning to attend Western in Fall 2022.
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, 2022, under the supervisor from a faculty mentor with an appointment in the Faculty of Science.

| Applicant's Information |
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| Applicant Name (Last, First): |
| Cumulative average (all grades, including Fall 2021): |
| Program of enrolment: |
| Year of enrolment: |

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 2022 USRI competition, and it will not be accessible to potential supervisors. Only anonymous aggregate data of the equity deserving group constituency may be released.