

	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA)	CSB Undergraduate Research Award	University of Toronto Excellence Award (UTEA)
Value	Approx. \$6,000	Approx. \$3000	\$6,000
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 consecutive weeks; 40 hours per week • Cannot take courses or hold another position. Must be engaged on a full-time basis in research during the award tenure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 consecutive weeks; 20 hours per week • Can take courses or hold a part-time job. Must be engaged on a full-time basis in research during the award tenure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 consecutive weeks; 40 hours per week • Cannot take courses or hold another position. Must be engaged on a full-time basis in research during the award tenure.
Eligibility:*			
Citizenship	Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada • Foreign or international students with a valid student visa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada • Foreign or international students with a valid student visa
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered either full-time or part-time at the time of application in a bachelor's degree program in at least one of the two terms immediately before holding the award. • Must be in 2nd year or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered either full-time or part-time at the time of application in a bachelor's degree program in at least one of the two terms immediately before holding the award. • Must be in 2nd year or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered full-time throughout his/her program in a bachelor's degree program. Can be part time only during final session if required to complete degree. • Must be in 2nd year or higher
cGPA	CSB requires a minimum cGPA of 3.0 (Fall courses are included)	CSB requires a minimum cGPA of 3.0 (Fall courses are included)	CSB requires a minimum cGPA of 3.7 (Fall courses are included)
Graduating or 2nd Degree Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduating students can hold an award in the term immediately following the completion of their undergraduate program requirements, as long as they have not started a program of graduate studies. • Completed one bachelor's degree and is studying towards a second bachelor's degree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduating students can hold an award in the term immediately following the completion of their undergraduate program requirements, as long as they have not started a program of graduate studies. • Completed one bachelor's degree and is studying towards a second bachelor's degree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduating students can hold an award in the term immediately following the completion of their undergraduate program requirements, as long as they have not started a program of graduate studies. • Completed one bachelor's degree and is studying towards a second bachelor's degree.
Must Be a U of T Student	No	Yes	Yes
Choosing a Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach CSB faculty who are on the list of potential supervisors, https://csb.utoronto.ca/undergraduate-studies/research/scholarships/ • CSB faculty research interests available at: https://csb.utoronto.ca/research-overview/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach CSB faculty who are on the list of potential supervisors, https://csb.utoronto.ca/undergraduate-studies/research/scholarships/ • CSB faculty research interests available at: https://csb.utoronto.ca/research-overview/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach CSB faculty who are on the list of potential supervisors, https://csb.utoronto.ca/undergraduate-studies/research/scholarships/ • CSB faculty research interests available at: https://csb.utoronto.ca/research-overview/
# of Students Placed Per Lab	Usually one	Usually one	Usually one

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Prior Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority is given to first-time holders. • If a student previously held a UTEA or a CSB award, they will be assessed as a first-time holder. 	Priority is given to first-time holders	Priority is given to first-time holders
University Year	Preference to 3rd year students	Preference to 2nd and 3rd year students	Preference to 2nd and 3rd year students
Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common application form and due date with CSB Undergraduate Research Award • A student can submit only one application to CSB • Can apply to more than one department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common application form and due date with NSERC USRA • A student can submit only one application to CSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique application form and due date • A student can submit only one application to CSB • Can apply to only one department
Paragraph Required	Yes	Yes	No
Ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign or international students • Currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., MD, BScPhm, D.D.S., BScN) • Holds higher degrees in the natural sciences & engineering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., MD, BScPhm, D.D.S., BScN) • Holds higher degrees in the natural sciences & engineering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., MD, BScPhm, D.D.S., BScN) • Holds higher degrees in the natural sciences & engineering.
Misc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot hold more than one of these three awards concurrently • Can hold a maximum of 3 NSERC awards throughout your undergraduate university career 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot hold more than one of these three awards concurrently • Can hold a maximum of 1 CSB award throughout your undergraduate university career 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot hold more than one of these three awards concurrently • Can hold a maximum of 3 UTEAs throughout your undergraduate university career

* For a full listing of the NSERC USRA eligibility criteria, please go to http://nserc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp