

UNBC - International Student Research Award

The UNBC International Student Research Award (ISRA) is designed to support international undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in research, by gaining research work experience.

During the award students must be engaged in research and development activities in the natural sciences or engineering on a full-time basis (35 paid hours/week) for a minimum of 16 consecutive weeks during the summer term (May – August). The value of the awards is \$6,000 per student, to help fund the student position, supervisors are required to provide the remaining amount to meet BC minimum wage requirements.

The internal deadline to apply will be set annually. The 2024 deadline is: February 23.

To be eligible, students must be:

- Be a full-time International undergraduate student at UNBC, pursuing a UNBC degree.
- Have a valid study permit, that allows you to work on campus.*
- “Be on scheduled break” and not registered in any classes while holding the award.
- Be “full time for immigration purposes”
- You must have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN)*
- have obtained, over the previous years of study, a cumulative average of at least second class “B” or 3.00.
- Must have completed at least two semesters.

*It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they have the necessary documentation to work in Canada.

You are not eligible if:

- You are an exchange or visiting student.
- you are currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., MD, DDS, BScN); or
- you hold higher degrees in the natural sciences or engineering.
- You have held more than three UNBC - International Undergraduate Research Awards throughout your university career.
- Will be holding an NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award or a Co-op placement position during the award period.

Graduating international undergraduate students are eligible for the award, but only for the academic term directly following the completion of your program requirements (regardless of your graduation date) and must not have yet started in a graduate program.

Students who finish their courses in Winter semester and graduate in the spring (May) will be eligible to hold an ISRA in the summer term.

Students who have completed program requirements and whose program completion letter is not yet available are considered “full time for immigration purposes.”

If your letter of completion is available, you must have applied for a post-graduation work permit or have some other form of authorization to work in Canada. If you have questions about your eligibility, please speak with the International Department.

You must work under the supervision of a faculty member.

Applications must include:

- International Student Research Awards – Student Application Form – Completed by the student.
- International Student Research Awards – Supervisor Application Form – Completed by the research supervisor.
- Project Summary
- Letter of Reference (from the project supervisor or other faculty member)
- Copy of Unofficial Transcripts

Completed applications should be sent in via the supervisor to: grad-scholarships@unbc.ca

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Academic Excellence (40%)
- Research Ability and Potential (40%)
- Expected quality of the training to be received (20%)