



USask Agriculture Signature Area Undergraduate Summer Research Awards

Terms of Reference

January 2025

Call for applications annually in January. Number of awards available will vary by year.

The USask Agriculture Signature Area of Research (AgSA) offers awards to students engaged in research that falls under the AgSA. The purpose of these awards is to support the AgSA through the financial support of students, research promotion, undergraduate engagement in research, and the support of early career faculty.

Undergraduate Summer Research Award are open to USask undergraduate students engaged in research that falls under the Agriculture Signature Area of Research (AgSA).

Undergraduate Summer Research Awards are meant to encourage undergraduate students to be involved in research by providing support for research work experience over the summer.

Eligibility

- Must be registered, as of the award deadline, in a Bachelor's degree program at USask;
- Must have secured a full-time research assistantship position under the supervision of a USask faculty member who is eligible to hold research funds for a minimum of 14 weeks over the upcoming summer (May to August);
- Work to be undertaken in research assistantship must be in the area of agriculture, to be determined by the adjudication committee
- Cannot have already obtained any form of funding for the summer position (for example, through a NSERC USRA)

Value and duration

- Undergraduate Summer Research Award has a value of **\$4,000**; supervisor must supplement this in order to provide the minimum pay required (consult college for details on minimum payment amounts);
- The duration is 14 to 16 weeks on a full-time basis;
- Value of award is paid directly to the faculty supervisor



Application

- To apply, complete the online application form, including supporting materials, by the deadline specified on the call. A complete application will include:
 - o Completed application form;
 - o One-page project proposal, including a description of how the work has implications for Canadian agriculture
 - o USask transcripts (unofficial transcripts are sufficient)

Adjudication

- Selection will be based on the below criteria:
 - o Academic excellence as determined by GPA (last 30 CUs);
 - o Research potential and fit with the Agriculture Signature Area, as determined by the one-page proposal
- Preference will be given to students supervised by early career faculty (within first five years of independent academic appointment)