2024 Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) Competition Application Guidelines - Addendum

STUDENT STATEMENT

FORMAT: 1-page maximum, single-spaced, 12pt Times New Roman, 2cm margins all-around

Each applicant is asked to submit a 1-page statement that describes their research interests, experience and how the USRA will benefit their academic/career goals.

Upload a statement that answers the following questions:

1) Explain why you want to undertake this research project and how it relates to your plans following the completion of your undergraduate degree.

2) Describe your qualifications (e.g. education, experience, leadership roles, etc.) and your research experience to date (including previous awards and scholarships; as well as your involvement in publications, posters, and presentations) for this research award.

3) If you are a previous USRA Award Holder, provide a justification why you should be considered for another USRA award.

> Note: An additional page can be added to explain exceptional circumstances that may have negatively impacted your GPA.

This is to be written by the student alone, not in collaboration with your supervisor.

TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

All transcripts must be combined into a single PDF file.

Toronto Metropolitan University students: Transcripts in PDF format from MyServiceHub are accepted. An official transcript may be required at a later date if you are granted the award. If you have also attended another university, please include a scanned copy of your official transcripts from that institution, including the grading system legend.

Students applying from other universities: Official, up-to-date transcripts for all university programs must be provided. Official transcripts must be scanned into a single PDF file, including the grading system legend for each institution.

The purpose of uploading the legend is to help the committees and the Agency (NSERC/CIHR/SSHRC) understand the grading system at each postsecondary institution.

In this context, official transcripts are those that show the name of the institution, the program in which you are enrolled, your complete course of study, your marks and the legend explaining acronyms etc.

To be up-to-date, transcripts must show the term before the application was prepared. For example, if you applied to your university USRA competition in February, the transcript must show the previous Fall (September to December) term's marks.