2022 University of Toronto Excellence Awards (UTEA)
Program Guidelines

Purpose: To provide opportunities for research experience at the undergraduate level in either the Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSE) or Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH); to augment the formal research courses offered by the University of Toronto; to give undergraduate students opportunities to experience different approaches to research in various fields; to help students learn and appreciate the investigative methodology of areas of particular interest; and, to provide students with an experience that will allow them to make informed decisions about pursuing careers in research.

Award Value:

Both the UTEA-SSH and UTEA-NSE are valued at a minimum of $7,500. $5,250 is provided by the University, and must be matched by a minimum of $2,250 from the student's supervisor or the academic unit. Any supplement above this level may be set at the supervisor's or department's discretion.

Award Duration: 14 full weeks in the summer term, between May 1 and September 30, 2022.

Eligibility of Students

Eligible:

- Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or foreign student with valid student visa for the full summer work term.
- Registered in a bachelor's degree program at the University of Toronto either as: a) a full-time student, or b) as a part-time student **only** if it is the student's final session and part-time classes are all that's required to complete the degree.
- Students must be registered either at the time of application, or in the term immediately before holding the award. So graduating students may hold an award in the term immediately following the completion of their undergraduate program, as long as they have not started a graduate program.
- Must have obtained a cumulative average of "B+" or higher. For students in higher years, this average can be applied to the best two years of study.
- May already hold a bachelor's degree in any discipline and be studying towards a second bachelor's degree in NSE or SSH.
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Ineligible:

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., M.D., D.D.S., B.Sc.N.). Holds higher degrees in the NSE or SSH.
- Enrolled in graduate studies

Please also note:

- A student may only apply for one UTEA opportunity per year.
- A student may not concurrently hold a UTEA and a NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA).
- Preference will be given to second- and third-year students
- A student may hold a maximum of 3 UTEAs throughout their university career with priority given to first-time applicants.

Eligibility of Faculty Supervisors

- Maximum of 2 UTEA awards per faculty supervisor, per year.
- A supervisor must hold an active NSERC or SSHRC research grant (either as principal investigator or co-investigator) at the start date of the UTEA (May 1st) or have a pending application.

Research Environment and Fieldwork

Any additional costs related to fieldwork (e.g. travel expenses) are the responsibility of the supervisor or the department.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Toronto recognizes that diversity is essential to the creation of a vibrant intellectual community that allows our researchers to maximize their creativity and their contributions. We are strongly committed to diversity in research and especially welcome applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal Peoples of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

All divisions will ensure all efforts are made to incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion principles within their selection process.

Activity Report

It is the responsibility of the student to submit a Research Report no later than October 1, 2022, to Shanna Pritchard (shanna.pritchard@utoronto.ca), Research Funding Officer. The report template will be distributed with the UTEA award letters.