

# University of Toronto Excellence Awards (UTEA) in the Natural Sciences and Engineering

## Program Guidelines

### Program Description:

**Purpose:** To provide a program of research experience at the undergraduate level in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE); 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; to provide students with an experience that will allow them to make informed decisions about pursuing careers in research; and to help build unit research programs.

**Award Value:** \$4,500 provided by the University to be matched by a minimum of \$1,125, as for the NSERC USRA program. Any supplement above this level may be set at the supervisor's or department's discretion.

**Duration:** 16 full weeks in the summer term, between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Faculty of Arts and Science has an allocation of ten (10) UTEA-NSE awards in 2011.

The application deadline is: *MARCH 23, 2011*

### Eligibility of Students for a UTEA:

#### Eligible:

- Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or foreign student with valid student visa for the full summer work term.
- At the time of application, registered as a full-time student in a bachelor's degree program at the University of Toronto. Graduating students who are only required to register part-time in their final session in order to complete degree requirements remain eligible.
- 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 the natural sciences and engineering (NSE).

#### Ineligible:

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate professional degree program in the health sciences (e.g., M.D., D.D.S., B.Sc.N.). Note that CIHR Undergraduate Health Professional Awards and the University of Toronto Life Sciences Committee's Undergraduate Research Opportunity Awards are available to students enrolled in these programs.
- Holds higher degrees in the natural sciences or engineering (NSE).

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**Application Checklist:**

**Part 1 (to be completed and signed by student)**

**Part 2 (to be completed and signed by supervisor)**

**Project Outline** Describe the project, including the quality of the research environment and supervision, the nature of the student's participation in the project, and provisions that will be made for supervision of student during supervisor's absence.

**Unit endorsement**

**Unit Ranking** There is a maximum of two UTEA-NSE applications per unit. Indicate the rank of this proposal in the unit applicant pool. Ranking should consider how funding for this project will enhance the undergraduate experience in research, encourage research faculty to integrate undergraduate students in their research programs, and support research growth in the unit.

**Attachments**

**Complete Academic History** Include a Complete Academic History (ROSI-generated) with application.

**RIS Application Attachment form** Completed and signed by supervisor.

**Copies**

Original plus one (1) copy of application, including Complete Academic History

**Applications must be delivered to:**

UTEA Awards Committee  
 c/o Vice-Dean, Research and Graduate Education  
 Office of the Dean  
 2005 Sid Smith Hall