

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS/INTERNSHIPS

SUMMER 2026

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Applications are invited for the Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) and the Undergraduate Student Research Internships (USRI) for the summer months of 2026 in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Western Ontario. The department has several faculty members available to supervise research in a variety of areas of mathematics and applied mathematics. Applicants are not required to specify a particular area of interest or a supervisor ahead of time.

Both awards will be for four months during May-August. Salaries will be a minimum of \$9,856, depending on circumstances, and we will, in addition, provide a travel allowance in accordance with NSERC's Travel Allowance policy. The awards are subject to availability of funding and depend on the qualifications of the applicants. Each applicant should be an undergraduate student in a mathematical sciences program.

The USRI competition is open to all students enrolled at Western in Winter 2026 and intending to return in Fall 2026. In accordance with NSERC and Canadian Immigration regulations, the USRA competition is directed only to persons holding Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status. Applicants must possess a satisfactory average, defined as minimum 75% for USRA and 70% for USRI.

The closing date for receipt of applications is January 31, 2026. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only the successful candidates will be contacted.

Candidates can use a single application to apply for both awards. Complete applications should include the following components:

- 1) A cover letter stating eligibility for USRA/USRI and briefly describing interests, background, and potential supervisors;
- 2) A recent grade report, including grades from Fall 2025;
- 3) A curriculum vitae (CV);
- 4) [USRA applicants only] Form 202 – Part I, which can be found on NSERC's website at <https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/undergraduate-student-research-awards>
- 5) Two reference letters emailed directly to math-usra@uwo.ca by the referees.

Successful applicants will be required to submit official transcripts. All offers will be conditional upon receipt of necessary documentation.

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