

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

At UBC-Vancouver 35% of undergraduate students report participating in a research-intensive activity by the time they graduate¹. These experiences help students feel more prepared for their career, develop research skills, and apply academic learning².

The Centre for Student Involvement and Careers (CSI&C) facilitates funding of **\$2.4 million** annually in support of these research-intensive experiences that allow students to explore professional workplaces while receiving mentorship and supervision from UBC faculty members. The CSI&C also provides support to faculty members in their supervision of students during these high-impact experiences.

1. NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)



The [NSERC USRA](#) supports faculty supervisors to hire students to work on research projects in a research-intensive environment.

Position Type: Minimum 16 consecutive weeks of full-time (35 hours per week) work in the summer (May – August), fall (September – December), or winter (January – April) term.

Subsidy: \$6000 subsidy; faculty supervisor to provide top-up to minimum wage requirements (Approximate top-up \$2321.60)

Faculty eligibility: UBC-V and UBC-O faculty members

Student eligibility: Canadian students are eligible - details can be found on the [student-facing website](#).

Application Information: Applications open in January at the start of each competition cycle. Connect with your [Faculty/School/Department Coordinator](#) for further details regarding the application process.

Contact: For inquiries, please contact nserc.usra@ubc.ca.

2. Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Awards



The [Work Learn International Undergraduate Research Awards](#) create opportunities for students to explore workplace and research skills through a research-intensive placement during the summer (May – August) term.

Position Type: Minimum 16 consecutive weeks of full-time (35 hours per week) work in the summer term only.

Subsidy: \$6000 subsidy; faculty supervisor to provide top-up to minimum wage requirements (Approximate top-up \$2654.46)

Faculty eligibility: Faculty members from UBC-Vancouver can hire an eligible student for this award

Student eligibility: International students are eligible - details can be found on the [student-facing website](#).

¹ Undergraduate Experience Survey, 2018. (N = 7080)

² UBC Workplace Learning Program Survey, 2018. (N = 105)



Application Information: Faculty supervisors will need to submit a research project proposal on [UBC CareersOnline](#). Applications open from January – February 2021.

Contact: For inquiries, please contact worklearn.iura@ubc.ca.

3. Work Learn



The [Work Learn Program](#) supports meaningful work experiences on campus that offer the opportunity for all current UBC-Vancouver students to develop their professional skills and learn in a work environment. Through the Work Learn program, you can hire students to further your research projects, while providing them with an opportunity to develop research skills.

Position Type: Part-time - Students can hold a position in the summer (May – August) term working up to 20 hours per week, and/or the winter (September – April) term working up to 10 hours per week.

Subsidy: \$8/hour, up to a maximum of 300 hours for each cycle (winter and summer) (Approximate top-up \$3633.00)

Faculty eligibility: Faculty members from UBC-Vancouver can hire an eligible student for this award

Student eligibility: All current UBC-Vancouver students are eligible - details can be found on the [student-facing website](#).

Application Information: For the summer and winter sessions, call for proposals will be take place in January and June respectively. Please email work.learn@ubc.ca if you would like to opt-in to the mailing list.

Contact: For inquiries, please contact work.learn@ubc.ca.

4. Canada Summer Jobs

The [Canada Summer Jobs Program \(CSJ\)](#) provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers (including most UBC faculties and departments) and private small businesses with 50 or fewer employees to create summer job opportunities for full-time students. It provides young people aged 15 to 30 the opportunity to gain meaningful work and life experience while supporting community-based initiatives.

Position Type: Full-time (30 to 40 hours per week) and 6 to 16 consecutive weeks in duration.

Subsidy: Calculated based on a percentage of BC's minimum hourly wage (up to 50% for public and private sector employers and up to 100% for not-for-profit employers).

Application Information: Visit [Funding: Canada Summer Jobs - Overview](#) for more information

Contact: For inquiries, please contact careers.csj@ubc.ca.

For all other inquiries related to the funding opportunities highlighted here, please contact:

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