FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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

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: $4500 subsidy; faculty supervisor to provide top-up to minimum wage requirements (Approximate top-up $3447.80)

Faculty eligibility: Faculty members who hold in eligible and active NSERC grant

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: $4500 subsidy; faculty supervisor to provide top-up to minimum wage requirements (Approximate top-up $3765.71)

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.

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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 online. Applications open from November 18, 2019 – January 19, 2020.

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) session working up to 20 hours per week, and/or the winter (September – April) session 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 $2907.00)

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.

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

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