

2023 NSERC USRA: Application Instructions for 2023

1. The student interested in applying for an NSERC USRA award must find a UTIAS Professor willing to supervise them. A list of UTIAS faculty and an overview of their areas of research can be found on the UTIAS website:

[Current Faculty & Areas of Research](#)

Also, NSERC's eligibility criteria to apply NSERC USRA award, along with this award's overview, can be found on the following NSERC website:

[NSERC USRA](#)

2. The student interested in applying for the NSERC USRA grant should complete the latest application form (Form 202, Part I) online, which can be found on the following NSERC website: [NSERC Online System](#) (Form 202 Part I). Follow the [instructions](#) to complete Form 202, Part 1.
 - Students who have previously applied for an NSERC USRA will only have to update Part I of Form 202.
 - If a student self-identifies as **Indigenous or Black**, they must select the appropriate field in form 202-Part I, as such students are funded by NSERC above and beyond the UTIAS allocation assigned by NSERC.
3. The student should attach the university e-transcript or the most recent academic history report from [ACORN](#) to the application form (Part I).
4. Forms 202 Part II must be completed by the supervisor. Once Form 202 Part I has been completed by the student, the student should provide their prospective supervisor with the **reference number** generated by the system so that the supervisor can access and complete the Part II of the form 202.
 - Note that the supervisor will not be able to complete the Part II of Form 202 without the **reference number**.
5. A pdf copy of the entire application* (i.e., Form 202 Part I with transcript and Form 202 Part II) should be sent to the Aerospace Option Chair, Prof. Alis Ekmekci (alis.ekmekci@utoronto.ca) by February 28, 2023.

*See the checklist below for Form 202 Part I (to be completed by the student) and part II (to be completed by the university research supervisor).

2023 NSERC USRA Application Checklist

FORM 202 PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT		
Reference Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	The number generated when the form is completed online. This number must be forwarded to the proposed supervisor(s) to complete Part 2.
Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student should indicate the department where currently registered.
PIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	If a student is a previous USRA awardee, they have been assigned a PIN by NSERC. This can be found in NSERC's award letter to the student from the previous year. If first-time applicant or unable to provide, leave blank.
Full-time or Part-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please indicate your current status.
Previously USRA Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check either Yes or No.
Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/>	You will also need to link an e-copy of your transcript or the most recent academic history report from ACORN to your form 202 part I.
Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check ONE box only, not both. If a permanent resident, provide date of landing .
FORM 202 PART 2 – TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISOR		
Type of award	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check "University" box.
Proposed starting date of award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Indicate the day, month and year.</u> If this is blank or incomplete, NSERC will use the first Monday (or Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday) of the first month of the work term.
Reference no.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A reference number will be generated once the student completes and submits Part 1 online. This should be forwarded to the proposed supervisor to be entered in this box. This is not a PIN number.
Address at location of tenure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide complete address of the supervisor.
Telephone, fax and e-mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	These should be the supervisor's contact information, not the student's.
Title of research	<input type="checkbox"/>	This must be provided.
Outline of proposed research project	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide a project description, including objectives, outputs and/or deliverables (if applicable). This should be more than one sentence in length.
Outline of student's role	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify student's roles/tasks/responsibilities in the project.
Grant application no. (UofT Sponsor Reference Number)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter 999999 or any six-digit number
Research subject code	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use the research subject code for fellowships and scholarships found in http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Help-Aide/ScholarshipCodes-CodesPourBourses_Eng.asp . DO NOT USE THE RESEARCH CODES INTENDED FOR PROFESSORS ONLY.
PIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	NSERC PIN of the supervisor.