



Roger S. Smith

Undergraduate Summer Research Award, funded in partnership with Killam

Information for Students

Are you interested in:

- gaining research experience this summer
- acquiring valuable skills and experience
- working closely with a faculty mentor (supervisor) in a research capacity
- looking for a project to develop into an Honours Thesis (NS 498)
- exploring future career possibilities in a research environment

This award could be for you!

Apply for a Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Award with the Faculty of Native Studies.

What does the Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Award entail?

This award is intended to cultivate and support research collaboration between undergraduate students and faculty members. This award is an opportunity to conduct research and receive **\$6,000** to cover 15 weeks of full-time (normally May-August) research-based activity this summer. Your research efforts are not limited to collecting data or writing a literature review, but will result in a final product, such as: a paper, a data base, a memorandum, or a poster.

Proposed activities might either

- (1) be a topic that the award holder (student) has designed; or
- (2) contribute to a faculty supervisor's existing research project.

This award is not a job, but an internship with benefits.

How many awards will be made?

One or two awards are available annually. A faculty member can only mentor one student award holder at a time. An undergraduate student can only hold a Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Award once.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible, you must meet all of these requirements:

- Senior undergraduate student
- Currently enrolled in the Faculty and continuing in a Native Studies program in 2023/24
- Minimum Faculty GPA of 3.3
- Entitled to work on campus

How do I apply?

1. Begin by meeting with a potential faculty supervisor.
2. Complete the *student portion* of the **application form**.
3. Ask your supervisor to complete the *supervisor portion* of the application. Faculty supervisors must sign application forms **before** submission. By signing your form, the faculty supervisor is expressing a willingness to supervise the work and is committing to serve as an active

mentor. While you can obtain input from a faculty advisor, the student must write the proposal.

4. Submit a completed application form, along with your resume, to the Faculty of Native Studies before the deadline.
5. Community engagement should be prioritized.

When is the deadline for applications?

Applications must be received by **Friday, 14 April 2023**.

Award winners will be notified by **Friday, 21 April 2023**.

Applicants are advised to speak to a faculty supervisor well in advance of the application deadline.

How do I start?

After downloading the application form, approach a Faculty of Native Studies professor involved in research and discuss the possibilities of research under the auspices of the Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Award. The extent and quality of the mentoring will influence the success of the experience and the research outcome.

What are the criteria used to evaluate projects applications?

The following criteria will be used to assess the application:

- the ability to show a strong grasp of the field being studied as well as a commitment to community engagement
- the supervising professor engagement and commitment to research
- the project's learning potential
- the specific skills and experience the student will gain from the project
- the fit of the project with the applicant's academic program
- the applicant's Native Studies GPA
- the ability to articulate your own thoughts in a concise and persuasive manner.

Preference will be given to projects structured as internships assisting students in gaining specific research skills and experience.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Email your completed application form, along with your resume to by **4:30pm April 14, 2023** to:

ATTN: Freda Cardinal
Senior Coordinator – Admissions & Student Services
nsadvisor@ualberta.ca

Post award research dissemination:

As a condition of the award, you shall present your results at:

- (1) Faculty of Native Studies Research Days or Honours Student Project presentations; and
- (2) the Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities.

The Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Awards, in partnership with Killam in the Faculty of Native Studies is sponsored by: **The Faculty of Native Studies** in partnership with the **Vice-President (Research & Innovation), University of Alberta.**

For more information contact the Faculty of Native Studies Senior Coordinator at nsadvisor@ualberta.ca.



Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Summer Research Awards, funded in partnership with Killam Application Form

Submit no later than 4:30pm on Friday, 14 April 2023 to nsadvisor@ualberta.ca

PART I – Personal Data		
Last Name:		First Name:
UAlberta Email:		UAlberta Student ID:
Current Address (If current address is temporary, indicate leaving date)		Permanent Mailing Address & Phone Number (if different)
Primary Phone Number:		Alternate Phone Number:
POST-SECONDARY ACADEMIC HISTORY (Including current program)		
Degree	Minor/Teaching Major	Month/Year Expected
At the time of application, are you attending university? Full time ☐ Part time ☐		
How many credits will you have completed towards your degree program when this award is held?		
SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS RECEIVED (starting with most recent)		
Name of Award	Where Received	Period Held (mm/yy-mm/yy)
OTHER INFORMATION		
I am legally entitled to work on campus. Yes ☐ No ☐		Are you planning to be registered in the Faculty of Native Studies in Fall 2023? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Please outline any other commitments (courses, employment, travel plans, etc.) for May–August 2023, in other words explain how you will manage your research activity with these other obligations:		

PART II – Proposed Research Project (to be completed by the Supervisor)		
Name of Supervisor:		
University of Alberta Address:	Telephone Number:	
	Email:	
Title of Research Project:	Starting Date:	
Briefly describe the specific activities that the student will undertake, and the benefits to the student of his/her engagement in the research. Explain now, if the project connects with your own research and the skills and experience the student will gain from taking part in the project. Please list any additional resources (funding, office space, etc.) that are available for this project, and include your plan for supervision.		
SIGNATURE		
I hereby certify that I will be supervising this student in the proposed research and development activities during the proposed period of tenure.		
Signature of Supervisor	Name of Supervisor (please print)	Date

PART III – Proposed Research Project (to be completed by the Student)

Outline the Proposed Research Project: Provide a brief description of the research project, if the research activity connects to your program of study, the expected work to be undertaken, skills/experience to be gained and your commitment to community engagement.

SIGNATURE

I hereby acknowledge that the information above is accurate and I agree to abide by the regulations governing this award.

Signature of Student

Name of Student (please print)

Date

Protection of Privacy - Personal information provided is collected in accordance with Section 33(c) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the FOIP Act) and will be protected under Part 2 of that Act. It will be used for the purpose of award application and selection. Should you require further information about collection, use and disclosure of personal information, please contact: Sr. Coordinator – Faculty of Native Studies Student Services, 2-31 Pembina Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2H8. Phone (780)492-0525.