# Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) Application 2024-2028

**Faculty of Social Sciences**

## General Instructions

1. The student and faculty supervisor should complete all parts of the application below.
2. The supervisor should submit the full application as *a single .pdf attachment* to Chris Hollins: [hollinc@mcmaster.ca](mailto:hollinc@mcmaster.ca) before the competition deadline. Please include “USRA Application” in the subject line.

The application is due by 4:00 p.m. on February 16th (spring/summer deadline) or October 31st (fall/winter deadline) (or the following Monday, if these fall on a weekend). *Applications submitted after this time and incomplete applications will not be considered*.

## Part 1: Faculty Supervisor Information

First and Last Name:  
Department/School/Program:  
McMaster Email Address:

## Part 2: Student Researcher Information

First and Last Name:  
Student ID Number:  
Academic Level (and number of units completed):

Department (e.g. Sociology) & Program (e.g. Social Sciences):

McMaster Email Address:

Voluntary self-identification (student) - Are you a member of any one or more of the following equity-deserving groups? (please select ‘yes’ if one or more of the following apply)

* Indigenous Peoples
* Visible Minority, Racialized Person, Person of Colour
* Person with a disability and/or disabled person
* Women
* Trans, transgender, gender non-conforming, gender variant, gender-queer (or an analogous term)
* Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual/Pansexual, Queer, Two-Spirit (or an analogous term)
* First-generation student (you are the first member of your immediate family to attend university)
* Yes
* No
* Decline to respond

Part 3: Project Proposal (maximum 1,000 words; to be completed by the supervisor and student)

*[Use the following four subheadings to describe your proposed project and its context:]*

### Title:

### *[Include a title that will give readers a clear idea of your research topic/issue.]*

### 2) Research Question and Objectives:

*[Describe the challenge/problem the research addresses.*

*Describe the specific research question(s) and/or objectives explored in your study.*

*Describe the student learning objectives of your study.]*

### 3) Background Literature:

*[Discuss the scholarly literature that provides the knowledge context for your research activities.]*

### 4) Methodology:

*[Discuss the research activities planned for your study including the methods you plan to use to collect and analyze data. Include a timeline for the research activities.]*

### 5) Outcomes:

*[Discuss the outcomes you anticipate that will arise from your study.]*

Part 4: Alignment with Supervisor’s Research and Fit with USRA Goals (maximum 500 words; to be completed by supervisor)

*[Describe the broader research project/program in which the student is involved, and how their proposed project will advance that project/program. This statement should also describe how this collaboration will work to benefit the student researcher and align with the goals of the USRA. The USRA should be used for a project that is a unique contribution by the student, and that is connected to the supervisor’s research program.]*

## Part 5: Ethics Permission

\*Please note that USRA submission process does not require ethics approval until *after* the award has been granted.

## Confirmation

I hereby acknowledge that all information contained in this application is accurate and I agree to abide by the regulations governing this Award.

Student Researcher Name:

Date:

Signature:

I hereby agree to supervise the student in completing the proposed USRA research during the proposed period. I also agree to ensure that all necessary ethics approvals, if applicable, will be obtained prior to the start of the student’s research project.

Faculty Supervisor Name:

Date:

Signature: