

The Western Undergraduate Summer Research Internships (USRI) program provides undergraduate students with engaged research experiences and opportunities to learn new research methods and techniques alongside faculty mentors. It also helps develop skills in preparation for future careers.

USRI students and supervisors will receive access to a wide range of professional development sessions to support their research work, career development, and gain exposure to new approaches to research dissemination, etc. At the end of the summer, students and faculty are expected to share their research with the broader campus community during a virtual exhibition event.

The Western Institute for Neuroscience (WIN) supports USRI projects specific to neuroscience each academic year. WIN will provide financial support to 4 USRI students each year (from 4 different faculties). The application process is external to the Institute and instead is done at the faculty level. Each USRI is valued at a minimum of \$9,856 for a full-time commitment over a 16-week period.

Each [faculty and school](#) is allotted a specific number of USRI internship positions each year, based on proportional undergraduate enrolment. It then manages its intern selection, evaluation, and enrollment process for its cohort of USRI students according to its own criteria and timelines.

Western Research strongly encourages faculties to consider the diversity of their awardees and to provide opportunities for students from underrepresented groups, including Black, Indigenous, students of colour, students with disabilities, students who self-identify as LGBTQ2S+ and women, as part of the ongoing commitment Western has made for equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and Indigenization.

For more specific information, contact the Administrative Officer or Research Officer at your home faculty/department, or for program-specific questions, please contact intgrant@uwo.ca.