

2024 DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards - Guidelines (Social Science, Humanities & Fine Arts)

The 2024 DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards program will support USask faculty within the first five years of their academic appointment to hire, train and mentor an undergraduate summer student to support their research, scholarly, or artistic works (RSAW) program. This funding is available to faculty in the social sciences, humanities and fine arts. The award will contribute \$6000 towards an [undergraduate student's](#) full-time salary over the summer. This award emphasizes the importance of training and mentorship for undergraduate students.

Eligibility

Awards are open to faculty (term, tenure-track or tenured) within five years of their start date for their USask faculty appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research (e.g., illness, maternity, parental). Preference will be given to Early Career Researchers, Scholars, and Artists (ECRs). For this award, an ECR is defined as a researcher, scholar or artist within five years from the start date of their first research-related appointment, minus the length of any eligible delays in research as of July 1, 2024. This award is open to faculty within Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts.

Funding Details

- **Awards available:** 10 Awards
- **Individual grant amount:** \$6,000 DARE Award (recipients will be required to match \$2,410.68 - \$5,644.50, see below for details)
- **Deadline to apply:** March 4, 2024
- **Award duration:** 14-16 weeks from May to August (2024)

Award Details

- You do not need to have a specific student in mind at the time of application.
- Successful applicants may identify and hire any USask undergraduate student that is eligible to work in Canada.
- The award is to support a student to work full time (37.5 hours/week) for 14-16 weeks.
- Payment of student assistants follow USask's non-union salary, band 1 (\$14 - \$16.96/hour plus benefits).
- The award recipient contribution will range from **\$2,410.68 - \$4,188.94 for 14 weeks** or **\$3,612.20 - \$5,644.50 for 16 weeks**. See [USRA 2024 Employment Calculator](#) for more details!
- Award recipients will be supported in training their students with the [Student Undergraduate Research Experience \(SURE\)](#). This program offers training workshops for undergraduate students to help them to build and develop the skills that they need to work as a student assistant.
- Student assistants will have the opportunity to present their research at the SURE Summer Symposium in August.

Criteria

Funding will be awarded following a review process by a USask adjudication committee. The career-stage of the applicant will be considered when reviewing the criteria.

Adjudicators are guided by the following criteria:

- Quality of the student research, scholarly, or artistic experience
- Appropriateness of the proposed project for an undergraduate student
- Quality of expected student skill development
- Quality of training and mentorship
- Ability to address EDI considerations in a training environment
- Fit with the overall goals of the faculty member's RSAW program

Application Process

All applications will be submitted to **UnivRS by March 4, 2024**. All submissions are subject to UnivRS approvals and compliance checks over the following five business days. The application includes:

1. [Completed Application Form](#)
2. The Application Package

Notification & Terms of the Award

1. Results will be shared in mid-March 2024.
2. Faculty will be responsible for filling the student position.
3. Any unused funds must be returned to the OVPR by September 30th 2024.
4. All award recipients must acknowledge the DARE program in their project-related materials.

Contact Us!

For questions about this award, contact us at dare.rasi@usask.ca.