USRA and Mitacs application timeline

Work back from your school office's internal deadline for an NSERC USRA, and plan a Mitacs internship with your supervisor. The funder and your school decide.

NAME

DATE

Step	Due (school office first)	Done
Find a supervisor		☐
Check eligibility on the official page		☐
School's internal deadline		☐
Application submitted		☐
Decision and start date		☐
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AWARD OR PROGRAM

SUPERVISOR

SCHOOL RESEARCH OFFICE CONTACT

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-27)

The official NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards page lists the value as $6,000 plus a host-institution contribution. The duration of the award is 14 to 16 weeks on a full-time basis. The application deadline is set by the institution.
https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/undergraduate-student-research-awards (checked 2026-11-27)
NSERC says USRA applications must be completed and submitted to the Canadian institution where you wish to hold the award, using NSERC's online system. Institutions then submit selected applications to NSERC. Applications cannot be submitted directly to the agencies. You may hold only one USRA per fiscal year (1 April to 31 March) and a maximum of three USRAs throughout your undergraduate career.
https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/undergraduate-student-research-awards (checked 2026-11-27)
To apply, NSERC says you must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident of Canada, or a Protected Person under subsection 95(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, as of the institution's deadline; be registered in a bachelor's degree program at an eligible institution; have a satisfactory cumulative average (normally at least B-; check with your institution); and not have completed all your degree requirements. CIHR and SSHRC USRAs are currently available only to Black student researchers who self-identify as Black, as described on that page.
https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding-opportunity/undergraduate-student-research-awards (checked 2026-11-27)
Mitacs Accelerate is a research internship that partners post-secondary students and postdoctoral fellows with a Canadian organization and an academic supervisor. The official program page says the standard funding model is a $15,000 research award per four- or six-month internship, with a partner contribution starting at $7,500, and that the intern must receive a minimum $10,000 stipend or salary. Internships can scale up to five years.
https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/accelerate/ (checked 2026-11-27)