

Call for Applications – Undergraduate Students

The NSERC CREATE Training Program on Sustainable Engineering in Remote Areas (SERA) is targeted at Aboriginal undergraduate students with an interest in renewable energy systems or sustainable and energy efficient buildings. **Aboriginal undergraduate students** with an interest in renewable energy systems or sustainable and energy efficient buildings from any institution may apply but they must hold their awards at one of four SERA participating institutions (Queen's University, University of Manitoba, University of Ottawa and the Royal Military College of Canada) at the time of taking up the award. Trainees of the SERA program will be well equipped to become leaders in their fields as a result of the unique training they will receive through seminars and workshops, high-level research projects, industry internships and first hand visits to remote Indigenous communities. For more information, please visit www.queensu.ca/sera.

All applicants whose research interests are directly or indirectly related to one of the two research themes of SERA: 1) renewable energy; 2) sustainable and energy efficient buildings are encouraged to apply. Undergraduate awards are available for **self-identified Indigenous applicants only**. Undergraduate awards are for summer research internships or part-time employment during term at a participating institution. Fourth year undergraduate students are considered eligible to apply for this award even though they may have completed their degree requirements before starting the award. However, the undergraduate award may not be held while the applicant is registered as a graduate student.

Undergraduate applicants are also encouraged to apply for the NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA). Students have to hold the USRA awards for 16 consecutive weeks, full-time, usually this is May 1 to August 31. Successful undergraduate applicants **can hold both NSERC USRA and SERA awards at the same time. They may also use the NSERC USRA application form to apply for the SERA program**. Undergraduate NSERC USRA applicants should be aware of their departmental deadline (likely early February 2018). Students who miss the departmental USRA deadline can still apply if their universities are willing.

All applications will be reviewed by the SERA Academic Progress Committee (APC); the number of awards allocated will depend on the quality of the applications and the perceived fit within the SERA program. While academic excellence is required to receive an award, it is not the only selection factor. To meet the objectives of the program, the awards will be distributed among various researchers within different fields of study. SERA reserves the right to re-announce the call for applications if positions in key strategic areas are not filled.

All applications must be received **no later than 4:30 pm EST on March 2nd 2018**.