

# Undergraduate Student Research Funding Application Evaluation Criteria

**NOTE: Your application will be reviewed by group of faculty members from different disciplines. Therefore, be sure to write it in a way that everyone can understand what you are planning to do and how you will do it.**

## **Academic Excellence 20%:**

- Less emphasis should be placed on GPA / grades
- More emphasis should be placed on
  - Relative standing in course
  - Grades in courses related to the proposed research subject matter
  - Course load (full course load vs less than full and overall performance)

## **Quality of the proposed research project and expected outcomes 40%:**

- Significance, feasibility and merit of proposed research
- Clarity of proposal (ideas, theoretical, technical and/or concepts clearly and logically written)
- Appropriateness and clarity of methodology

## **Research Potential 40%:**

From the student's statement:

- Academic preparation and qualifications for this project:
  - Statements about courses taken / work done in specific courses to help prepare for the project; Relevance of academic training to field of proposed research
  - Activities; Research experiences; Research employment; Other employment; Extracurricular activities; Other
- How this project fits with longer term plans, if appropriate:
  - Statement of interest in the project specifically and research generally
  - Plans / intentions for possible honours, graduate studies, employment in research or fields related to the project area

From the supervisor's statement:

- Clear statement about the student's readiness for the project
- Evidence of potential for the student to be successful in research
- Specific examples that point to the excellence of the student, more generally