

## 2024 NSERC USRA: Application Instructions for 2024

1. The students interested in applying for an NSERC USRA award must find a UTIAS Professor willing to supervise them. A list of UTIAS faculty and an overview of their areas of research can be found on the UTIAS website:

[Current Faculty & Areas of Research](#)

Also, NSERC's eligibility criteria to apply NSERC USRA award, along with this award's overview, can be found on the following NSERC website:

[NSERC USRA](#)

2. The student interested in applying for the NSERC USRA grant should complete the latest application form (Form 202, Part I) online, which can be found on the following NSERC website: [NSERC Online System](#) (Form 202 Part I). Follow the [instructions](#) to complete Form 202, Part 1.
  - If a student self-identifies as **Indigenous or Black**, they must select the appropriate field in form 202-Part I, as such students are funded by NSERC above and beyond the UTIAS allocation assigned by NSERC.
3. The student should attach the university e-transcript or the most recent academic history report from [ACORN](#) to the application form (Part I).
4. Forms 202 Part II must be completed by the supervisor. Once Form 202 Part I has been completed by the student, the student should provide their prospective supervisor with the **reference number** generated by the system so that the supervisor can access and complete the Part II of the form 202.
  - Note that the supervisor will not be able to complete the Part II of Form 202 without the **reference number**.
  - Supervisor needs to log on to the Online System using the same account they use when applying for NSERC grants and complete Part II of Form 202.
5. The entire application (i.e., Form 202 Part I with transcript and Form 202 Part II) should be put in one single pdf document and sent to the Aerospace Option Chair, Prof. Alis Ekmekci ([alis.ekmekci@utoronto.ca](mailto:alis.ekmekci@utoronto.ca)) by **March 7, 2024**.
  - Note that only email applications are accepted.
  - The name given to this pdf file should start with the name and surname of the applicant (for example, John Doe NSERC USRA 2024.pdf)
  - Once your application is emailed, within 5 business days of your submission, the person who emailed the application should receive a confirmation email from Prof. Ekmekci that their submission has been received.