



Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

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EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Experience Awards offer companies access to talented natural sciences and engineering undergraduate students for a work term. This cost-shared program allows students to address company-specific R&D challenges while gaining valuable industrial experience. Experience Awards also let companies identify potential future full-time employees.

Award Value	Up to \$4,500 from NSERC, plus the company's contribution
Duration of award	12 to 16 weeks
Company Contribution	Companies are required to supplement the award by at least 25 percent of its value.
Company Eligibility	Must be an incorporated for-profit company engaged in R&D, with appropriate research facilities, sound finances and the ability to apply results.
Student Eligibility	Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada; Registered in a bachelor's degree program in the natural sciences or engineering at an eligible university or college in the term before holding the award; Obtained a cumulative average of at least a "B-"; and Completed the course requirements of two academic terms of the degree.
Application Submission	Through NSERC's On-Line System, co-application between the student and the company.
Application Deadline	NSERC should receive applications from the organization at least four weeks before the scheduled start date of the work term. Applications received more than two months after the proposed start date of the work term will not be approved.
Evaluation Method	NSERC internal evaluation
Evaluation Time	NSERC will inform students and companies of its decision generally within one month of the day it receives the application.
Status of the Award Holder	The student must be an employee of the company for the duration of the award.
Fund Management	The company pays the student's salary and issues a Statement of Income (T4 or T4a) to the student. NSERC pays its contribution directly to the host company at the end of the work term.
Reporting	At the end of the work term, the company must complete an electronic reporting survey in order to receive payment. The student must also complete an electronic reporting survey.
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