This award is available to eligible full-time undergraduate students who were recipients of the President’s Scholarship of Distinction in first year and who completed Year One with a cumulative average of at least 80%. Students who are pursuing a full- or part-time on-campus research experience, under the supervision of a University of Waterloo researcher, may apply to claim this $1,500 award.

Eligibility criteria

- You must have received the President’s Scholarship of Distinction in Year One.
- You must have completed Year One with a minimum cumulative average of 80%.
- You must be a continuing full-time undergraduate student registered with the University of Waterloo.
- The position must be under the supervision of a University of Waterloo researcher.
- The research experience may be a part-time position during a full-time study term, or a full-time co-op placement term, or a full-time summer term and it must be undertaken at a University of Waterloo research location.
- Research undertaken as part of course requirements is not eligible for the purpose of this award.
- If pursuing a full-time/full-term research experience, you remain eligible to receive additional salary if applicable (e.g. departmental research funds, undergraduate research internship program, Work Placement program, etc.). Any additional salary must be authorized by the supervisor and/or Department.
- You may apply to claim two President’s Research Awards rather than one each of this award and the President’s International Experience Award, provided it is for two distinct research experiences and/or for two separate terms.

How to Apply

- Speak to your Dean’s Office or UG Office about research experiences available in your Faculty.
- Connect with the research supervisor.
- Ensure that you are fully aware of the requirements of the research placement including timelines, deliverables, milestones, etc. The research supervisor is encouraged to provide you with additional documentation which details the expectations.
- Complete the Student Information section on page 2.
- Ask your research supervisor to complete the Approval of Research Position section on page 2.
- Submit completed form to the Faculty contact for final review and approval (normally someone in the Faculty Dean’s Office or Faculty UG Office). Please refer to the President’s Upper-Year Awards contact list at https://uwaterloo.ca/student-awards-financial-aid/undergraduate-awards/presidents-upper-year-awards for the name and location of your Faculty contact.

Award Application Deadline

- You should apply for this award before you begin the research experience, but no later than the following deadlines:
  - September 15th for fall-term research
  - January 15th for winter-term research
  - May 15th for spring-term research

NOTE: The above deadlines pertain to claiming the $1,500 award. Plan ahead - explore research opportunities well before the term that you wish to claim the award.

Payment

- The $1,500 award will be paid through your Waterloo student account, normally by the mid-point of the research term. The award may be adjusted if you fail to complete the assignment.
Student Information

Name: 

Waterloo ID#: 

Email address: 

Faculty/program/plan: 

Current Year/term (e.g. 3A): 

Approval of Research Position

To be completed by the University of Waterloo supervisor of the research position (or approved delegate).

1. Ensure that the student is fully aware of the requirements of the research placement including timelines, deliverables, milestones, etc., (supervisor is encouraged to provide student with additional documentation which details these expectations).
2. Complete and sign section below.
3. Student will then submit form to the Faculty Dean’s Office or UG Office for final sign-off and to request payment of the award.
4. Please notify the Dean’s Office or UG Office if the student fails to complete the research experience.

Student’s Job title: 

Start & end dates of position: 

Is this a full- or part-time position?  ☐ full-time co-op/non-co-op research term  ☐ part-time research during study term

Name and title of supervisor: 

Faculty/Department of supervisor: 

On-campus extension: 

☐ I confirm that this position qualifies as a research experience under the terms of the President’s Research Award program. 

☐ I understand that to be eligible for funding under this program, the student must meet all of the eligibility criteria detailed on page 1 of this form.

☐ I have provided the student with applicable documentation and/or information to explain the expectations of the research placement including timelines, deliverables, milestones, etc.

Signature of supervisor: 

Date signed: 

For Faculty Contact use only (Dean’s Office or UG Office)  

Reviewed/verified by: (please print) 

Payment term: 

Report: 

Signature: 

Date added to Quest: 

For Student Awards & Financial Aid use only