

TRU Undergraduate Research Ambassador Award

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies (RGS) seeks applications from TRU undergraduates to serve as Ambassadors of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Inquiry. This capstone experience will strengthen students' undergraduate research understanding and provide training to enhance skills as TRU Ambassadors.

Award: \$3,000

Roles & Responsibilities: Ambassadors will work with the Research Office on a range of projects related to undergraduate research including:

- Advise fellow students on research related opportunities through public talks, workshops, orientation activities
- Represent TRU research and creativity at campus and community events to help promote and expand undergraduate research and creativity efforts across campus
- Animate the Thompson Rivers University Xchange Lab through public events, performances, and exhibitions; talks and presentations; workshops and conferences; and digital engagement in the context of Undergraduate and Community-Engaged Research
- Participate in community-engaged research and work with students from a variety of majors and backgrounds to work as a team, pooling resources and collaborating with faculty and community leaders to understand and find solutions for issues of shared importance
- Create and enhance student learning opportunities: where students, faculty, and community partners work together in scaffolding meaningful, community-engaged research projects and research-informed learning opportunities
- Constitute an informal advisory board to the Research Office
- Assist in the development and maintenance of an Open Undergraduate Research Network
- Commits to the full year from April 1 to April 30
- Participate in a formal training process
- Complete an e-portfolio

Qualifications: Ambassadors will be TRU students who;

- Are in good academic standing with at least 60 completed credits at the time of the application.
- Have engaged in or are currently engaged in research or creative activities under the guidance of a TRU faculty mentor (eg. former or current UREAP, USRA, URA, Research Coach).
- Can commit to 60 hours of service (approx. 5 hours per week) within the academic year terms (Fall/Winter).
- Are enrolled in at least one course per semester (Fall/Winter) for their term as an ambassador

Qualified students will be contacted by the end of March for an interview.

The application for the program follows on the next page of this document.

TRU Student Research Ambassador Application

Name _____ TRU ID Number _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Major _____ Faculty _____

Completed credit hours at time of application _____

Planned graduation date _____

Prior UREAP or Undergraduate Research Assistant position (indicate your role and the name of your faculty supervisor):

Student signature _____

A completed application packet will include:

- 1) this page completed and signed by the student
- 2) a copy of the student's resume
- 3) an unofficial copy of the student's TRU transcript
- 4) one reference letter from a faculty supervisor (A reference writer should write her/his letter, sign it, and email it directly to studentresearch@tru.ca)

Completed application packages should be emailed to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies at studentresearch@tru.ca with the following:

Subject Line: Undergraduate Research Ambassador Program

Information in Email: Student Name and TRU ID#
Date Submitted