

# TRU Undergraduate Research Ambassador Award

The Office of the Vice-President Research 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 collaborate 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
- Provide student feedback and guidance in the development and maintenance of the Canadian Undergraduate Research Network
- Participate in a formal training process

**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).
- 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):

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Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

A completed application packet will include:

- 1) this page printed and completed 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, seal it in an envelope, write across the sealed envelope flap, and give the letter to the student to put into the application packet. Please attach the letter to this application package.)

Completed application packages should be emailed to Student Research and Community Engagement in the Office of the Vice-President Research at [studentresearch@tru.ca](mailto:studentresearch@tru.ca) with the following:

**Subject Line:** Undergraduate Research Ambassador Program

**Information for Email:** Student Name and TRU ID#  
Date Submitted