**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLAR AWARDS**

**EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH RESEARCH; EMPOWERING THE WORLD THROUGH TOMORROW’S SCHOLARS**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

A valuable and significant piece of Cape Breton University’s research culture is our commitment to training and mentoring undergraduate students. To expand student research opportunities, we are launching our Undergraduate Student Scholar Awards: “Empowering Students through Research, Empowering the World through Tomorrow’s Scholars.” Up to 20 USSAS will be awarded annually through a competitive process to students working with a CBU researcher on projects affiliated with one or more of CBU’s Collaborative Research Networks:

* Culture and Community
* Ecology, Environment & Sustainability
* Indigenous Wellness & L’nu Research
* Community Economies & Ecologies
* Sustainable Health & Wellness
* Research in Science & Engineering

We encourage qualified applicants to self-identify as members of equity-deserving groups. Three awards will be dedicated for international students. We particularly invite applications from qualified Indigenous students and African Nova Scotian students.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for this award, students must:

* have completed at least two terms of their undergraduate degree or diploma at

CBU

* be registered in an academic term at the time of application
* have earned at least a B- Average in the previous two terms
* have not previously received a USSA research assistantship

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Students complete the application form with the assistance and input of the researcher with whom they will be working. The application must:

* Identify the research topic and the researcher’s broad program and interests.
* Link the research project to one or more of the Collaborative Research Networks.
* State 1) how the student can provide research assistance to support the supervisor’s research program and 2) what training and mentorship support the supervisor can provide for the student.
* Include the student’s academic transcript

Students submit the application form and relevant documents.

**CRITERIA**

* Proposed research project that clearly aligns with at least one of the six

 collaborative research networks

* Academic Record
* Proposed training program for the student (developed with the research

supervisor).

**USE OF AWARDS and OVERSIGHT**

* Awards will be entirely used for student salary and will be administered through

CBU with the CBU faculty supervisor responsible for oversight.

* Funds must be used within one year of receipt and not beyond one term of

students’ graduation.

* Pay scale must be in accordance with CBU’s Rates of Pay for Undergraduate

students.

* Students must present their work in a CBU research event and/or in a written

story in a CBU publication (digital media blog/article, etc.).

**IMPORTANT DATES**

* Deadline for application: November 15th.
* Winners of USSA award announced December 15th.
* Research to take place in the winter semester.