

PSI CHI - UBC CHAPTER

DISTINGUISHED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD (DURA)

What is the Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award? The DURA is a competitive undergraduate award given by our chapter of Psi Chi. It is designed to honour one Psi Chi member per year who has the most impressive evidence of outstanding research on the UBC campus or in a UBC-related facility/program.

What does the Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award offer? This prestigious designation offers a cash prize of \$250. In addition to this financial award, students will receive a certificate and will be officially recognized at our annual induction ceremony.

Who is eligible? Current undergraduate members of Psi Chi (UBC Chapter) who show clear evidence of outstanding research contributions (e.g., a poster presentation at a student or professional conference, or a publication in a student or professional journal, etc.,). Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate clear innovation or impact in their contributions to UBC research. This includes playing an integral role in the development or continuation of a research project or having written or presented on this project. If a suitable candidate is not identified in a given year, the award may not be given.

How are the applications evaluated?

Submitted applications will be evaluated by a committee of UBC Psychology members including the Psi Chi Chapter advisor, as well as the UBC Psi Chi Co-Presidents and Vice President Internal. The selection criteria will be based on the quality of the submitted materials.

To be considered for this award, you must submit the following by emailing UBC's Chapter of Psi Chi International Honor Society at psichi@psych.ubc.ca with the subject line "DURA Award Application: [Your Name]":

1. Current Curriculum Vita (CV)

Make sure to detail pertinent aspects of your involvement in research (e.g., presentations, papers in preparation or in press, already published work), special skills you have gained from your lab work (i.e., developing a questionnaire or using EEG), etc. For guidelines about writing your CV, you may refer to the following resources:

- How to Write a Strong CV:
https://www.psychologicalscience.org/members/apssc/undergraduate_update/undergraduate-update-summer-2013/how-to-write-a-strong-cv
- Curricula Vitae (CVs) versus Resumes:
<https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/curricula-vitae-cvs-versus-resumes>

Limit: 2 pgs, 1" margins, single-spaced, 12 pt font

2. Evidence of your work

Please provide evidence of one research project where you demonstrate clear innovation or impact in your contribution. This may include any combination of things, including:

- A piece of written work about your research (e.g., a journal publication, thesis, Directed Studies project, Honours project)
- A PDF version of a poster you presented at a conference

3. Letter(s) of Recommendation (at least one is required)

Letters must come from one or more supervisors who are able to comment on the significance of your research involvement in their laboratory. Supervisors must be associated with UBC Psychology or a UBC-related facility/program. The letter must be submitted on official letterhead and signed by the supervisor.