

# 2023 UTSC Undergraduate Research & Creative Prize Project Checklist

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The UTSC Undergraduate Research Prize honours UTSC students who have excelled in research, scholarship and creative activities in the classroom and beyond. This prize recognizes the research and creative activities of undergraduate students, their overall contribution to the University of Toronto Scarborough, and illustrates the role of the library in their creative and research processes.

The project is focused on creative and research in a multitude of expressions. The project may take many forms such as a traditional paper, 2D or 3D works, a database, a website, digital project or a creative project in its many manifestations, including projects that demonstrate a student's artistic expression such as a painting, photography, poetry or a play.

The UTSC Undergraduate Student Research Prize is a financial prize sponsored jointly by the UTSC Library and UTSC Office of the Vice-Principal Research and Innovation. It is open to all students who are currently registered as UTSC undergraduate students and have completed their first year of study.

Prize winning projects and/or recipients will be featured on the UTSC Library website and OVPRI website and invited to be archived on [TSpace](#).

# Eligibility

The prize is open to all undergraduate students who meet the following criteria:

- currently enrolled at UTSC
- Must have completed their first year of study student is principal investigator or primary creator
- individual or group research projects completed within the previous year (Spring 2022/Summer 2022, Fall 2022 or Winter 2023)
- participated in meaningful engagement with UTSC library resources and/or librarians

Students cannot submit the same project as last year unless there are significant changes or advancements in the final outcome.

Students may submit the same project to both the [UTSC Undergraduate Research and Creative Forum](#) and [UTSC Undergraduate Research and Creative Prize](#), however, they cannot simply submit the poster created for the Forum.

# Criteria

The prizes(s) will be awarded primarily on the basis of the quality of the research or creative project and the illustration of the use of scholarly resources in the research process. The detailed judging rubric and additional information to follow.

The Judging Committee shall consist of UTSC faculty members and representatives from the Office of the Vice-Principal Research and Innovation.

# How to Apply

Application for the UTSC Undergraduate Research and Creative Prize will be made by the undergraduate student and will consist of the following in **a single PDF package in this order.**

- Personal data (1 page)
  - Full name
  - UTSC department
  - Current program
  - Year of Study
  - Identify if you are applying for the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities award
- Description of research or creative project using clear, non-specialist language (2 pages)
  - Include also the wider implications of the project
- The applicant's engagement in the research process (1 page – [see template](#) – research strategy /creative process, includes sources/databases/guides/software used and why those resources were chosen, any dates/names of library research workshop, did you set up any consultation(s) with the library, if yes, with who? How this was helpful to you, what they learned)
- A signed reference letter on departmental letterhead from a U of T Scarborough faculty member or course instructor regarding the student's engagement in the research or creative process
- A copy of the submitted research assignment (e.g. paper, website, presentation) or creative project (e.g., zine, play, painting, photography). If the research assignment cannot be submitted in an electronic format (e.g. a video, music performance, artwork) please email [Sarah Forbes](#)

Applications must be submitted electronically as a **single PDF file in the correct order** to [researchoffice.utsc@utoronto.ca](mailto:researchoffice.utsc@utoronto.ca).

**Application deadline:** March 31, 2023 12:00 PM EST (NOON)

**End of May 2023:** Winners announced

June 2023: Prizes awarded

## Prizes

Up to 3 cash prizes of \$1000 will be given out annually, one each for projects in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences. The judges evaluate the projects on their quality and reserve the right to award prizes in one, two, or all three of these categories.

## More information

Contact your [liaison librarian](#) or review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

