

How to Find a PURE Supervisor Tip Sheet

What to Know Ahead of Time

- You are responsible for finding a supervisor
- Supervisors can support a maximum of 2 students through the application system per academic year.
- Full-time academic UCalgary staff are eligible to be supervisors.
- Supervisors can be from your own faculty or a different faculty

Strategies to Find a Supervisor

- Connect with your current or previous professors whom you've worked well with to learn about their research, to see if they have any recommended contacts who can be potential supervisors, and to chat about PURE
- Explore UCalgary's current research themes and topics with explore.ucalgary.ca
- Visit departments' websites for a list of professors and their contact information
- Chat with your TAs or graduate students for recommendations and suggestions (keep in mind that TAs are not eligible to be PURE supervisors)
- Create a shortlist of researchers to approach: don't expect everyone to have the availability to supervise!
- Check the Experience Catalogue for supervisors interested in supporting an undergraduate researcher
<https://elevate.ucalgary.ca/catalogue.htm>

Connecting with a Potential Supervisor

- Ask if they are available and interested in supervising well in advance
- Discuss why you are interested in working with them
- Explain your rationale for pursuing the research
- Clearly define your goals, key skills and talents
- Outline the period of the award you are seeking (16, 12 or 8 weeks)
- If the supervisor is unfamiliar with the PURE Awards program, be prepared to let them know the expectations surrounding their participation, including:
 - They need to submit a reference **after** you have submitted your application
 - Supervisor references are due 7 days after the student application deadline
 - They are expected to provide mentorship and support throughout your research period
 - The PURE program may reach out to supervisors during the research period to learn about their experience and request general feedback
 - Supervisors may be asked to become adjudicators for future PURE Awards years
 - They can find more information regarding the PURE Awards program and its expectations and deadlines at: taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/pure-awards

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