

Q: Do I need to identify a professor in my application?

A: Yes, it is preferred that you identify a professor who would be willing to supervise you in your statement of interest. The list of professors can be found under the “People” Section of the CGCS website.

Q: Can I identify more than one professor?

A: Yes, please identify no more than 3 professors. It helps us pair you better with your preferred supervisor. Note: We will attempt to match you with your preferred supervisor, however, it is not guaranteed. Professors can only accept one CGCS-funded student.

Q: What if I want to work with a specific professor and no one else?

A: To improve your chances, it is recommended that you reach out to a professor before you apply to discuss your interest in their research however a professor may have students through other programs that may limit their ability to take on another student. CGCS Faculty are often part of many programs in hopes of getting either a CGCS student OR NSERC student or other funded students.

Q: Is the internship run on full-time hours?

A: Yes, although your schedule will be discussed between you and your supervisor, the expectation is that this is a full time commitment.

Q: What do I write about in my statement of interest?

A: It is recommended that you write about how your area of study intersects with global change, your interest in global change more generally, previous relevant research you may have done or what interests you about your prospective supervisor’s research. It must be one page and have your name and university in the top left corner.

Q: Do I have to submit an official transcript?

A: No, you do not need to submit an official transcript. Unofficial Transcripts or Academic History are acceptable.

Q: I am a 4th year student, can I apply?

A: Yes, although preference is given to 2nd and 3rd year students.

Q: I am a 1st year student, can I apply?

A: No, we encourage 2nd and 3rd year students to apply to gain research experience.

Q: I was granted the CGCS Internship last year, can I apply again?

A: Yes, all applications will be considered.

Q: Can I accept CGCS and the NSERC USRA?

A: No, you must choose between the CGCS undergraduate internship or NSERC USRA. You may apply to both.

Q: When can I expect to hear back?

A: You can expect to hear from us by Friday March 28, 2025.

Q: Can I change my start and end dates?

A: The internship must last between 12-16 weeks and you must attend in person to present your research on the CGCS Research Day.

Q: I'm travelling on the Research Day, can I still participate in the internship?

A: No, participation in the CGCS Research Day **in person** is mandatory even if your internship dates end before the Research Day.