

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

A: Yes, you must identify one professor in your application.

Q: Can I identify more than one professor?

A: No, please only identify one professor and be sure to see if they are able to take you on if you are successful in your application.

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

A: Please speak to the professor during the application process to ensure that they can take you on. They may be teaching a summer course abroad, be on research leave or other commitments. To reduce the stress of trying to find a supervisor during exams, it is best that you start contacting professors early to see who may be available to supervise you.

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. Preference will be given to first time applicants.

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 April 10, 2026.

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.