



Graduate opportunities

The main goals of CERA are to enhance research, collaboration, training and partnerships, with the ultimate goal of creating self-sufficient initiatives. In the near-term, CERA will create programs that enhance UTSC training opportunities and its overall research profile. Specifically, CERA will 1) pursue and advance new collaborative research projects, 2) attract stellar graduate students and postdocs; and 3) develop meaningful partnerships with industrial, governmental, and non-governmental organizations.

Graduate students have several opportunities to receive funding from CERA, including: 1) **Graduate fellowships**: CERA will provide \$2,000 awards to superb graduate students supervised by CERA PIs. Awards will be given to applicants advancing well in their degree, doing work that aligns with CERA goals and that engages with non-academic partners; 2) **Travel funds**: Postdocs and students affiliated with CERA will have access to travel funds for conferences to present CERA work and promote the centre; and 3) **Internship opportunities**: Postdocs and graduate students will have access to internship funds to place HQPs into partner organizations and to serve as matching funds for MITACs and NSERC CREATE opportunities.

CERA-funded graduate students are expected to participate in CERA events, especially the **Annual research symposium** where CERA faculty and students and other UT environmental sciences researchers will participate in a two-day research symposium that will take place during the fall reading week. This symposium will serve two purposes: first will be for CERA members to present current research; and second will be to form working groups that will discuss and evaluate ongoing research activities, meet with partners and a half-day professional or analytical skills development workshop for trainees -for example on science communication, best practice for open science or project management.

Funded program	Applicant	Amount per application	Deadline	Duration
Graduate fellowships	Graduate student	\$2,000	Sep. 1	1 year
Travel funds	Graduate student; undergraduate; postdoc	\$1,000	TBA (post-COVID)	One-time
Internship opportunities	Graduate student; undergraduate; postdoc; with partner organization	\$3,000	TBA (post-COVID)	One-time