



Official Financial Aid Application Policy – 2026 Scientific Research & Strategy Summit

A dedicated section on the registration form will outline the financial aid process. ***Please ensure you read everything to remain as informed as possible.***

A **50% discount** will be offered and is available for:

High school students

- Must provide an email or letter from a teacher or school counselor confirming that the student requires financial assistance.
- A member of the University of Toronto Student Research Initiative will reach out to the chosen contact by phone to confirm their response and connection to the participant.

University students

- University of Toronto students must submit a PDF of **NET COST** from the ACORN financial dashboard showing their name and grant/funding amount.
- Ontario students must submit a screenshot of their OSAP funding (or other student assistance program) dashboard showing their name.
- Must submit a video response answering 2 questions (outlined in '*video submission requirements*' p.2)

All documents (such as screenshots) must include your **full name, loan, and grant amount**. **Any evidence of funding received from an assistance program may be accepted (subject to review by the Department of Treasury), even if it is from an outside university or college.**

Students must then email (see below p.2,3) the **Policy Department** (policy@utsri.ca) and CC the **Treasury Department** (treasury@utsri.ca) **before** completing the registration form. Please complete the following steps:

1. Email the Policy Department and CC the Treasury Department with the required documents.
2. Attach a video recording answering questions regarding financial need to confirm eligibility. **This is required for university students** and the face camera must be on.

All submitted documentation is kept confidential and used solely for financial aid evaluation purposes. Each application is reviewed individually. Please ensure screenshots, PDF documentation and the video clip are included with your email submission.



Video submission requirements

- Video clip contents must include answers to the following questions:
 - **What is your main reason or motivator for applying for financial aid?**
 - **What do you hope to learn from being involved in the UTSRI Summit and how will you benefit from participating in the conference?**
 - Your camera must be on, meaning your face must be clearly shown on-screen answering questions verbally
 - 2 minutes maximum
 - Submit the video as one attachment along with other documents in the email
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What to Include in Your Email

- Full name in the subject line (e.g., “**Financial Aid Application – First Name Last Name**”)
- Attachments of required documentation

For high school students only:

- Name of high school
 - Phone number of the teacher or counselor (must not be a family member)
 - Confirmation note written by the teacher or counselor confirming financial aid eligibility
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Email format: High School Students

To: policy@utsri.ca

CC: treasury@utsri.ca

Subject: Financial Aid Application [First Name Last Name]

Attachments: PDF letter from a teacher or school counsellor.

[[Full name of teacher/counsellor] is able to confirm my eligibility for financial aid.]

Kind regards,

[Full Name]

School-based proof of need letter must include:

- School name and address



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- Date
- Student's full name
- Teacher or school counsellor's name and affiliation to the student
- Confirmation of financial need
- Contact information (including phone number)
- Signature

Email format: University Students

To: policy@utsri.ca

CC: treasury@utsri.ca

Subject: Financial Aid Application [First Name Last Name]

Attachments: Screenshot (PNG) or PDF document of funding evidence AND video submission

Dear UTSRI Committee,

I would like to submit my financial aid application. The required documents are attached to this email.

Kind regards,

[Full Name]

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Once approved, a unique 50% discount code to be entered on the registration form will be issued via email. This code must be used within 72 hours of being sent to the student; otherwise, it will expire (another code can be arranged to send if this does occur).

Students must apply for financial aid *before* submitting the independent registration form. Please allocate a minimum of three days when applying for financial aid, as the amount paid is dependent on the registration period. If you email the organization with your financial aid documents one day before normal registration closes, even though the documents have been submitted, you will not be registered until the extended registration period (or at all if the extended registration period ends), which carries a higher fee. The University of Toronto Student Research Initiative will not be responsible if this situation occurs, and the participant will not be compensated for the difference between the normal and extended registration fees. If there are any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to reach out.