

Student Financial Services (SFS) is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the Summer 2024 RAY (Research at York) and Work/Study requests for faculty and/or research units.

All requests must be posted through the Career Education and Development Centre's online job posting system, Experience York. To create a posting, new users must create a user profile and await approval which can take up to 48 hours. Please factor this into your submission timelines.

Please ensure you select the appropriate job type for your submission (i.e., Research @ York (RAY) or Work Study (Faculty and Research units ONLY). The deadline date for entering your job request(s) is March 15, 2024. Decisions will be communicated by email by Friday, March 29, 2024. When setting the posting dates (i.e., period for which you would like the position to be 'live' for applicants to view), your start date cannot precede March 29.

Please refer to [this document](#) for instructions on how to post a job request through Experience York. The RAY program permits a maximum of 3 RAY positions per full time faculty member; there is no cap for work study but approval is subject to funding availability. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.

The hourly pay rate range for the RAY program is \$19/hr to \$24.50/hr. Pay rate ranges for Work/Study positions typically range from \$16.55/hr to \$17.50 however if the job requirements are more specialized/technical in nature, the expected pay rate increases to \$17.75/hr to \$19.50/hr. SFS will flag any submissions in which the rate of pay does not align with the program requirements.

To qualify for the RAY program, positions must involve undergraduate students in research activities that will provide them with hands-on research experience and at the same time provide the faculty member with meaningful research support. The RAY job submission form in Experience York will ask you to provide information on the following:

1. Nature of the research project
2. Specific research activities the student(s) be engaged in
3. Type of research experience the student(s) will receive
4. Type of training and support that will be provided to the student(s) in carrying out these research activities
5. The name of the supervising full-time faculty member

Examples of suitable research activities include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Performing a literature search or bibliographical compilation
- Understanding the difference between primary and secondary sources
- Developing a compelling research proposal
- Designing and trouble-shooting an experiment
- Learning interview techniques or basic laboratory skills
- Understanding data collection, visualization, and analysis techniques
- Applying statistical and error analyses, including through programming, and the importance of a control sample
- Honing techniques in archival research, data mining and meta-analyses
- Learning the dynamics associated with being part of a research team
- Enhancing communication skills - oral and written – including conference presentations and manuscripts

Please note: If you are applying for Work Study positions, ignore these fields and proceed to the work study specific fields.

Inquiries about the RAY program can be sent to raypost@yorku.ca.