Application Deadlines

Spring UTRA: November 15
Summer UTRA: February 10
Fall UTRA: May 1

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Undergraduate Teaching and Research Awards

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Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Awards (UTRAs) provide Brown faculty and students with the opportunity to work closely on a research or course development project during the summer or academic year.

Working in close collaboration with faculty, students translate their academic knowledge into hands-on practice that results in the production of new knowledge. Faculty benefit from the assistance and perspectives undergraduates bring to their work.

Benefits

UTRAs allow students in any discipline and in their first through fourth year to:

- Explore an issue or topic of interest
- Get to know a faculty member by collaborating on research or teaching projects
- Develop problem-solving and research skills, as well as a more comprehensive understanding of the research subject
- Have an impact on a Brown course or in a larger field of study
- Receive a $3000 stipend for summer research in the US; $3500 for summer research abroad; $1000 for research during the semester

Types of UTRAs

UTRAs require a full-time commitment during the summer: 35 hours per week for 10 weeks. During the academic year, students work 10 hours per week for 12 weeks.

The Research Collaboration Award allows students and faculty to collaborate on a research project, which may originate from the faculty or the student.

The Teaching Collaboration Award provides members of the faculty with student collaborators for research that precedes the creation or restructuring of a course. Students may apply to serve as teaching assistants once the course is offered.

The Team UTRA supports 2–4 students in the summer or up to 2 students during the semester to work with one or more faculty on research or curriculum development. The application should discuss the specific contributions each member can make to the team so that the whole has the potential to be greater than the sum of its parts.

The International UTRA supports collaborative research or teaching projects abroad during the summer only. Applications to work abroad will be considered only when both the faculty and the student are on site together.