Department of Computer Science Undergraduate Research Assistantships (URA)

What’s a URA?
A URA is an opportunity for an exceptional student to help a professor with a research project. The student is paid $600 per term in exchange for six hours of work per week over a period of ten weeks.

What’s in it for the student?
The student gets some real research experience and earns some pocket money. The experience should also be very useful for helping the student decide whether to pursue graduate studies in Computer Science.

Who’s eligible?
Any student who has completed their second year in the Faculty of Mathematics with an average of at least 80% is eligible. Preference is given to students enrolled in Computer Science major plans. A student can only do one URA per term.

What does the professor have to do?
The professor should email a three-line description of a project to spaull@uwaterloo.ca so it can be posted on the website at least one week before the beginning of lectures. The professor commits to supporting the student with $600.00 of his/her research funding.

What does the student have to do?
Find a project they would be interested in working on by visiting www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/current/enrichment/ura.shtml. The student should send a resume and recent grade report to the professor and make an appointment with him/her during the first two weeks of the term to discuss the opportunity.

The agreement
The student and the professor will reach a joint agreement concerning the details of the project. After a verbal agreement is reached, the student or professor should return completed URA forms to Simone Paull MC 4036 so they can be processed.

Questions?
Email Simone Paull spaull@uwaterloo.ca or visit MC 4036