Challenges REU Students Face
(and how we can help!)

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Research Challenges

• Adjusting to a new environment (town, institution, culture, etc.).
• Developing the appropriate time management skills to work in a flexible work environment.
• Acknowledging that the research process can be frustrating.
• Not meeting expectations of mentors.

Personal Challenges

• Overwhelmed
• Family stress
How can we support our REU students...

Role Models
Strong support network
Collaboration
Sense of belonging
Open conversation
Respectful communities
Trust
Be Aware
“Challenges are not the issue. It’s how we respond to them that matters.”

Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner