

SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

What are they good for? How does it all work?

Finding and Applying to Programs

WHAT IS “SUMMER RESEARCH”?

Research experiences for undergraduates give students a chance to work in meaningful ways with faculty and researchers conducting ongoing research programs or projects. These programs offer a *hands-on experience* in the lab or in the field with *professional development* support. It's meant to build your skills, to be *fun* and inspiring, and it's often *paid* – most programs offer a stipend and many cover travel and housing as well. It's often in the summer – but not always! Some programs occur during the academic year as well.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

- ⇒ Build your academic foundation.
- ⇒ Get hands-on experience in the field.
- ⇒ Explore fields of interest.
- ⇒ Make valuable connections with faculty.
- ⇒ Enjoy travel, new friends, and fun!
- ⇒ A stepping stone to graduate school.



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