2020 Undergraduate Summer Research Opportunities

American Psychological Association
Undergraduate Research Opportunities & Internships
The American Psychological Association compiles a list of various positions from institutions offering research opportunities to undergraduate students.
Various deadlines.
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Amgen Scholars Program
The Amgen Scholars Program provides undergraduates with the opportunity to engage in a paid summer research experience at one of 13 different universities. Through the program, students gain hands-on experience in one of more than 20 research areas, receive guidance and mentoring from faculty, and participate in professional development events. The summer experience concludes with the Amgen Scholars US Symposium, held in California. The program is open to US citizens and permanent residents. Students must have a 3.2 or higher GPA, and at least three semesters of college experience.
Each host institution has its own application process, most deadlines are February 3, 2020.
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National Science Foundation
Research Opportunities for Undergraduate Students (REU)
NSF funds a large number of research opportunities for undergraduate students through its REU Sites program. An REU Site consists of a group of ten or so undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, where he/she works closely with the faculty and other researchers. Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel. Undergraduate students supported with NSF funds must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. An REU Site may be at either a US or foreign location.
Various deadlines.
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Additional individual programs listed in alphabetical order, please note the various deadlines.
Boston University
Psychology Research & Practice Track
The Summer Study Internship Program offers you a unique and rewarding summer. While gaining professional work experience and completing relevant academic coursework, you'll be able to enjoy Boston in the summer with fellow interns from across the country. Applications reviewed until April 10, 2020.
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Columbia University
Summer of Translational Aging Research for Undergraduates (STAR U)
The Summer of Translational Aging Research for Undergraduates (STAR U) Program is a 2-month fully-funded research training program designed to encourage students from diverse and underrepresented communities to pursue further studies and careers in aging and neuroscience related research. The program is based at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC), as part of the Department of Neurology and the Taub Institute for Alzheimer’s disease and the Aging Brain.
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Florida International University
Summer Treatment Program (STP)
The Summer Treatment Program (STP) is a comprehensive program for children with ADHD and related behavioral, emotional and learning challenges. The STP has successfully helped more than 3,000 children and families and is composed of evidence-based intensive treatments incorporated into an eight-week therapeutic summer camp setting. Group and tailored individual treatment plans are focused on improving problem-solving, academic functioning and social skills — while also incorporating recreational, age-appropriate games and group activities. 2020 information coming soon.
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Harvard Business School
Program for Research in Markets & Organization
PRIMO is a 10-week summer residential community of undergraduates participating in research affiliated with HBS faculty. The Program seeks to create a community of scholars who are inspired by and are committed to pursuing excellence in management and business research. Summer 2020 will be the tenth year for this research experience program, which has been designed to stimulate community and creativity among a small group of motivated undergraduates. PRIMO will run from June 8 - August 15, 2020, and offers fellows Harvard campus housing, a partial board plan, modest research support, and coverage of summer savings obligations for financial aid recipients.
Application Deadline: February 11, 12pm.
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National Institutes of Health
Summer Internship Program in Biomedical Research (SIP)
Summer programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) provide an opportunity to spend a summer working at the NIH side-by-side with some of the leading scientists in the world, in an environment devoted exclusively to biomedical research (At the NIH "biomedical sciences" includes everything from behavioral and social sciences, through biology and chemistry, to physics, mathematical modeling, computational biology, and biostatistics).
*Application Deadline: March 1, 2020.*
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New York University
Summer Undergraduate Research Program
The Center for Neural Science hosts a summer research experience program for undergraduates with a strong interest in neuroscience. This program is designed to foster entry into a neuroscience research-centered career. Students apply for positions in a 10-week summer program during which they actively participate in research projects in the laboratories of New York University science faculty.
*Decisions will be made on a rolling basis starting in February.*
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Ohio State University
The Language Sciences Research Lab
The Language Pod is an interdisciplinary research laboratory that operates inside of COSI, a public science museum in Columbus, Ohio. For this program, students get the opportunity to engage in both of these aspects of the lab’s work. For your research experience, you will be assigned an OSU faculty member or graduate student and their advisor, as a mentor. You’ll work on an existing research project with them. At the end of the program, you’ll prepare and present a poster on the work.
*Application Deadline: February 21, 2020.*
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Rockefeller University
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF)
The Rockefeller University Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program provides a unique opportunity for undergraduates to conduct laboratory research. SURF students work with leading scientists in a broad range of areas including biochemistry; structural biology and chemistry; molecular, cell and developmental biology; immunology; virology and microbiology; neuroscience; physics; and mathematical biology.
*Application Deadline: February 1, 2020.*
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University of California Berkeley
National Science Foundation Summer Research Experience
This program is designed to expose participating students to core Molecular, Cell, Developmental, Evolutionary, and Ecosystem Biology. The participating faculty provide a broad range of research options in these areas. They also share a strong commitment to working with undergraduates and promoting diversity in the biosciences community at Berkeley.
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University of California Los Angeles
Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)
The UCLA Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) offer upper division undergraduate students with outstanding academic potential the opportunity to work closely with faculty mentors on research projects. The programs are designed for students who wish to learn more about the graduate school experience and possibly pursue an academic career in teaching and research. Opportunities are available in virtually all academic fields (e.g., arts, humanities, social sciences, life sciences, health sciences, physical sciences, etc.).
Application Deadline: various deadlines.
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University of Cincinnati
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Neuroscience (SURF-N)
The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Neuroscience (SURF-N) provides summer stipends to undergraduate students interested in cutting edge research in several disciplines of neuroscience. Selection to SURF-N provides fellows with a unique hands-on training experience with faculty mentors within the program. Our primary goal is to provide our fellows with an excellent research experience that will serve as a foundation for a career in the neurosciences. Our program faculty work in multiple areas of neuroscience including the study of neurological and psychiatric disorders, obesity, addiction, neurotoxicity, pain, development, etc. The program is usually 10 weeks in length and ends with a capstone poster presentation event. Students present and discuss their data and compete for awards.
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University of Maryland
Summer Research Initiative
The Summer Research Initiative (SRI) was created in 1999 by the Office of the Dean in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS). The program has a special emphasis on population groups underrepresented in the behavioral, social and economic science fields. SRI will bring students to the University of Maryland, College Park campus for eight weeks. Participants will work side-by-side with a faculty mentor on a guided research project, attend weekly seminars, and visit local research institutions in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area. Finally, students will present their work at a poster session at the end of the program.
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University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Summer Research Program on Minority Health Disparities
The Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) administers the Minority Health Disparities REU, which is an interdisciplinary program aimed at conducting cutting edge social and behavioral research into understanding and reducing health disparities and in diversifying minority health researchers. As part of that program, participating students will learn basic approaches to network science/SNA. SNA instruction will take place during an intensive class scheduled for the first two weeks of the program. Training will be used to enrich the students experience during the subsequent 8 weeks. The primary student outcome of this part of the summer research experience will be an introductory facility in social network terminology, visualization, and exploration. At the conclusion of the program, participants will present their research at the Summer Research Symposium poster session.

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University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Organizational Science Summer Institute
The Organizational Science Summer Institute, a component of the interdisciplinary Organizational Science Ph.D. Program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, is currently seeking qualified applicants.

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University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
Summer Undergraduate Research Programs (SURP)
The Graduate College at the OU Health Sciences Center hosts four summer undergraduate research programs aimed at preparing and encouraging undergraduate students to pursue careers in biomedical research or health related sciences. Studies show that undergraduate research programs are beneficial to the success of applying to and completion of a graduate degree program. Our programs introduce outstanding undergraduate students to the rigorous academic preparation required to achieve these goals, through participation in intensive, hands-on research experiences in the laboratories of OUHSC biomedical faculty mentors.

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University of Wisconsin – Madison
Psychological Research Experience Program
The Psychology Research Experience Program (PREP) provides intensive mentoring and experience in scientific research and professional development to undergraduates from historically underrepresented populations — those from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, those from low-income backgrounds, those with disabilities, and first-generation college students — who have expressed and demonstrated an interest in a career in scientific psychology.

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Yale University

Comparative and Developmental Origins of Social Cognition

The broad goal of the Comparative and Developmental Origins of Social Cognition REU Site is to provide students from under-represented backgrounds with joint training in developmental and comparative psychology research. Students will gain experience investigating the origins of human social cognition from two different but related perspectives: developmental studies testing human children’s social understanding and comparative studies examining social cognition in domesticated dogs.

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Yale University

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)

Each summer the Yale SURF Program brings about 15 qualified undergraduates to Yale for eight weeks to explore what a Ph.D. could offer them. As a SURF program participant, you will: learn about the kind of work you can expect to do in graduate school, gain insight into building a career based on Ph.D.-level training, and become more confident in your academic abilities and potential. You will be immersed in an academic, professional setting with a faculty mentor, a post-doctoral associate, and/or an advanced graduate student. You will pursue individual research and participate in workshops and panel discussions.

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