

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)

Application deadline is 8:00 am, February 23rd, 2026

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Completed application through NSF ETAP.
- Cover letter describing research interests and career goals.
- Professional resume/CV describing schools attended, previous job experience and relevant accomplishments. (Applications without a proper professional resume/CV will **NOT** be considered.)
- Copy of your unofficial transcript.
- Any student who is accepted into the program will be required to submit a social security number before the start of the program. Instructions will be provided later, on how to submit this information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants attending universities outside of the New Orleans area will be considered only if they have plans to live in the southeast vicinity during the summer.
- Students must be US citizens or permanent residents.
- College undergraduates majoring in any of the sciences (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Computer Science, or Environmental Science) with a minimum of 3.0 grade point average.
- Students will be required to attend an all-day mandatory orientation on **June 1st** and must be available during all dates of program (**Monday, June 1, 2026 - Friday, July 24, 2026, In-person/Monday, July 27, 2026-August 3, 2026, Online**).
- If you have a prior commitment during the dates of the program, you are ineligible to participate. **This is a full-time, eight-week commitment.**

SELECTION

Once the application and supporting documents are submitted, it will be reviewed by the Summer Research Program Committee. The Committee will conduct interviews virtually once all applications have been reviewed. Candidates will be informed of their status by the beginning of April.

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Research projects will be decided upon matching mentors.
- Attend weekly seminars that will introduce you to medical and basic research areas at LSUHSC.
- Complete Compliance Training, Conflict of Interest Forms and/or any other training deemed necessary by your mentor as soon as it is received.
- Report on time as designated by mentor to work on assigned research project. Students are expected to work **no more** than 40 hours a week.
- Present a poster at the Summer Research Program Symposium where the students debut research findings from the summer.

STIPENDS, HOUSING, AND PARKING

Student stipends for the REU program are **\$7,000.00** and will be received in three increments over the course of the summer. An additional per diem of **\$900.00** is also available to cover the costs of travel and one meal per day during the term of the program. **Students will be responsible for a parking fee of \$72.00 plus \$25.00 gate card fee (gate card fee is refundable at the end of the summer).* * Funding may be available to cover housing but will be contingent upon the availability of funding. Please be advised that space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.

All questions regarding the program should be submitted to: SummerResearch@lsuhsc.edu.

Please refer to the program for which you are applying in the subject line. No phone calls, please.