

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)



Application deadline is 5:00 pm, March 15th
*START DATE, EIGHT-WEEK COMMITMENT, AND PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Completed application form.
- Cover letter describing research interests and career goals.
- Resume describing schools attended, previous job experience and relevant accomplishments.
- Copy of your unofficial undergraduate transcript.
- Provide the contact information of two (2) professional and/or academic references. Reference letters are not required to submit your application; references will be contacted only if necessary.
- Any student who is accepted into the program will be required to submit current vaccination records and
 a social security number before the start of the program. [Full COVID vaccination is required.] Instructions
 will be provided at a later date on how to submit this information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants attending universities outside of the New Orleans area will be considered only if they have plan
 to live in the vicinity during the summer. Particular emphasis will be placed on broadening participation of
 members of groups historically underrepresented in science, including African Americans, Alaska Natives,
 American Indians, Hispanic Americans and Native Pacific Islanders.
- 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 (TBD) and must be available during all dates of program (Thursday, June 1, 2023- Monday, July 31,2023 in-person/Tuesday, August 1, 2022 Friday, August 4, 2023 online). If you have a prior commitment during the dates of the program you are ineligible to participate. This is a full-time commitment.

SELECTION

Once your completed application packet is submitted, it will be reviewed by the Summer Research Program Committee. The Committee will conduct interviews with a select number of students via Skype during April 2022. Once all interviews have been completed candidates will be informed of their status by **April 30**th.

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Conduct your own small research project or work on part of an ongoing research project.
- Attend weekly seminar series that will introduce you to rapidly progressing medical and basic research areas at LSUHSC.
- Be willing to complete all Compliance Training, Conflict of Interest Forms and/or any other training deemed necessary for your internship as soon as it is received.
- Report to work 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 Poster day where the student presents what was learned over the summer.

STIPENDS, HOUSING AND PARKING

Student stipends for the REU Program are \$5,250.00 and will be received in three (3) increments over the course of the summer. An additional per diem of \$855.00 (payable on the students first day of the program) 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 \$45.00-\$55.00, plus \$25.00 gate card fee (gate card fee is refundable at the end of the summer).

** STIPENDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD THE SUMMER PROGRAM BE SHORTENED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

Funding may be available to cover on campus housing but will be contingent upon the availability of funding. Please be advised that space is limited in on-campus housing and is on a first come first serve basis.

Website for REU Site-Research Experiences

All questions regarding the program should be submitted to: <u>SummerResearch@lsuhsc.edu</u>, and please reference the program for which you are applying in the subject line. *No phone calls please*.