



National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates

Summer Undergraduate Research Program in Biochemistry



Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Texas A&M University

May 30 – August 2, 2017

The Program

The Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics offers an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in a 10-week intensive summer research program during the summer of 2017. Under the direction of our faculty, students will join a laboratory team to conduct research in modern biochemistry, with wide-ranging possibilities in structural biology, bioinformatics, molecular genetics, genomics, enzymology or biophysics. To complement the hands-on research experience, students will participate in weekly meetings in order to explore the diversity of research opportunities in this vibrant field and to learn effective oral and written presentation skills.

Eligibility

The program is open to pre-baccalaureate undergraduate students majoring in biochemistry, chemistry, genetics, biology, or any life science. Preference will be given to candidates who have finished their third year and already taken organic chemistry and biochemistry courses. However, outstanding students who have completed their second year of college work will also be considered. In addition, a strong candidate is likely to pursue an advanced research degree. This program is committed to provide research opportunities for students from groups that are underrepresented in the sciences.

Financial Support for Participants

Each undergraduate researcher will receive a stipend of \$5250 for the 10-week program, plus dormitory room (single-bedroom in a suite), and food expenses (added to the stipend payments). In addition, a travel allowance of up to \$800 is available to cover costs of round-trip transportation.

Selection of Research Laboratory

Upon acceptance into the summer program, each student will submit a rank-ordered list of five faculty in whose lab they would prefer to work for the summer. A brief description of faculty research interests can be found at <http://biochemistry.tamu.edu/>. Every effort will be made to pair the student with one of their choices.

Housing

We will arrange housing at a dormitory near Texas A&M. It is possible for students to live in an off-campus apartment during the summer program, but such arrangements will be the responsibility of that student.

Application to the Summer Research Program

Mail the completed, attached application form to:

Summer Undergraduate Research Program in Biochemistry
Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
Texas A&M University
2128 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2128

Alternatively, complete an application on-line that is linked to our website: <http://biochemistry.tamu.edu> (navigate to "Research", then "REU Summer Research")

In addition to the application form, you must attach a personal statement describing why you are interested in performing research and how this experience relates to your goals upon completion of your bachelor's degree. Also, arrange for the submission of two reference letters on your behalf to the address listed above, and a transcript from your current university/college. An unofficial transcript is fine for review of applications.

The deadline for complete applications, including reference letters and transcript is **February 1, 2017**.

If you have questions...

Send inquiries to g-kunkel@tamu.edu, bryk@tamu.edu or call our office at 1-800-482-6246.

Application for Summer Undergraduate Research Program in Biochemistry

Please return completed application form, statement of goals, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript by **February 1, 2017** to:

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 Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics
 Texas A&M University
 2128 TAMU
 College Station, TX 77843-2128

Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Current Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

Tel. Number: _____ Tel. Number: _____

Email address: _____ Date of birth: _____

Citizen of: _____
 (or permanent resident, if applicable)

What are your plans after you graduate? Ph.D. medical school M.D./Ph.D. job
 other (explain _____)

Universities/Colleges attended, starting with the one in which you are currently enrolled:

University/College	Dates of attendance	Expected graduation date	Major field

Grades in undergraduate courses:

Freshman chemistry ____, ____ Freshman Biology ____, ____ Organic Chemistry ____, ____
 Genetics ____ Biochemistry ____ Overall Grade Point Ratio _____

Names and email addresses of two persons who will send reference letters:

 Email: _____

 Email: _____

Please attach a personal statement describing why you are excited about performing biochemical research and how it might help you attain your future goals.

