Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)

Through its <u>Awards to Stimulate and Support Undergraduate Research Experiences (ASSURE) Program</u>, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) supports undergraduate research in DoD-relevant disciplines. For this purpose, since FY2003, DoD has contributed several million dollars per year (through an interagency agreement with NSF) to support particular REU Sites that focus on research relevant to DoD's interests.

Institution	Project Title	Abstract Summary	Point of Contact
Boston University	Control of Gene	Students will be trained primarily by	Thomas Gilmore
	Expression for	mentors in the Biology Department at	617-353-5444
	Biological Effect	Boston University and will carry out	<u>gilmore@bu.edu</u>
		research related to the control of gene	
		expression for biological impact. Research	https://www.bu.edu/surf/
		will be conducted using a variety of	
		organismal and cell-based models and will	
		use state-of-the-art methods for examining	
		gene expression. In addition to research,	
		students will be trained in responsible	
		conduct of research (scientific ethics),	
		diversity in the workplace, and career	
		development. Sample research projects	
		include the effects of climate change on	
		gene expression patterns in coral and sea	
		anemone models, gene networks in basal	
		and stimulated immune cells, and gene	
		programs involved in the development of	
		muscle cells, sea urchin embryos, and	
		plant structures.	
California State	Research	Undergraduates will have opportunities to	Subodh Bhandari
Polytechnic	Experience for	conduct research during a 10-week	909-869-2612
University –	Undergraduates in	summer program on cutting edge topics in	sbhandari@cpp.edu
Pomona	UAV Technologies	unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) flight	
		dynamics and control, increased UAV	https://www.cpp.edu/cppuasreu/index.shtml
		autonomy, collision detection and	
		avoidance, computer vision, artificial	
		Intelligence, and aerospace robotics.	
		Students will also get opportunities to	
		learn about federal regulations pertaining	
		to the operation of UAVS. In addition to	
		their research, students will participate in	
		weekiy research seminars, research	
		meetings, and professional development	
		seminars that are designed to prepare a	

		strong workforce for the needs of industry and academia. The seminars will include topics such as literature review, writing a	
		scientific paper, improving written and oral	
		communication skills, technical	
		presentations, applications to graduate	
		schools, opportunities for	
		research/teaching assistantships and	
		fellowships, career paths, resume building,	
		team building, and ethics in science and	
		engineering. The participants will also	
		engage in outreach activities and give	
		presentations on UAV technologies to K-	
California Stata	From the Intertidel	The program loverages the scientific and	Coroy Corzo
Liniversity -	to the Deep Ocean	educational assets of the Monterey Bay	Coley Gaiza 831-582-3024
Monterey Bay	– Monterey Bay	Region to increase the diversity and	cogarza@csumb_edu
Montorey Day	Regional Ocean	number of students prepared for careers in	<u>oogurza e oodinis.odu</u>
	Science	Ocean Science. The program will: 1)	https://ifame.csumb.edu/single-
		recruit participants with an emphasis on	project intertidal deepocean.html
		students from underrepresented groups	
		and those from research limited	
		institutions; 2) prepare students in	
		advance of the 10-week REU for the rigors	
		of undertaking original research; 3)	
		engage students in innovative research in	
		Oceanography, Marine Biology and	
		Ecology, Ocean Engineering, and Marine	
		Geology; 4) provide rigorous research and	
		professional development support for	
		students during and after the REU to	
		maintain interest and involvement in the	
		Ocean Sciences.	Ourses Nessel
Coe College	Spectroscopy at	Undergraduates will participate in research	Susan Noreuli
	Coe College	on topics in optics, glass science,	319-399-8524
		acoustics, molecular biology, detector	<u>shoredir@coe.edu</u>
		under the common focus of spectroscopy	https://sites.google.com/a/coe.edu/coe.reu/
		In addition to participating in research with	<u>milps.//sites.google.com/a/coe.edu/coe-reu/</u>
		an experienced and dedicated mentor the	
		REU students will engage in activities	
		such as seminars and lectures and give	

		two oral presentations. The participants will be exposed and trained in a variety of techniques and equipment, including Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR), Raman spectroscopy, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, Scanning Electron Microscope, absorption and fluorescence spectroscopies, x-ray fluorescence, calorimetry, and others.	
		This project includes a Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) site, where each summer two high school teachers from nearby school districts participate in a research project. During the academic year, the teachers are invited to bring their students to Coe College to learn about the work they carried out. The teachers will use their experience to motivate their students to better understand the physical world and prepare them to become the future	
Colorado State	Advancing	Students will pursue collaborative	Garret Miyake
University	Cnemistry with Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration – Chemical Sciences	research projects across all flavors of chemistry to understand how posing fundamental research questions can be translated to addressing real world problems in collaborative environments. Students also take part in a professional development and ethics training program, with a focus on science communication and preparation for graduate school or industrial careers. Through independent research projects and workshop and seminar series, this site broadens participation in STEM.	Garret.miyake@colostate.edu https://www.chem.colostate.edu/summer- program/summer-programs/
Hampton	Atmospheric	This program is aimed primarily at under-	Dr. William Moore
University	Neasurements and	represented minority students to conduct	/5/-/28-6240 William moore@bamptonu.edu
	Hampton University	Measurement and Analysis of Atmospheric Properties. Students will work	

		with an extension frame that Demonstrates of the	
		with mentors from the Department of	https://home.hamptonu.edu/science/aps-summer-
		Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, with	program/
		support from its associated research	
		center, the Center for Atmospheric	
		Sciences. Research projects will include	
		several broad themes. Satellite image	
		analysis will be applied to the detection of	
		flood waters on normally dry land and to	
		the appearance and growth of harmful	
		algal blooms in local rivers. Students will	
		participate in the collection of atmospheric	
		measurements from a variety of	
		instruments, apply fundamental data	
		analysis techniques, develop basic	
		research skills (literature review,	
		instrument calibration, data validation,	
		model fitting, coding), and participate in a	
		research team to develop collaboration	
		skills (active listening, leadership,	
		communication, delegation). The students	
		will also receive professional development	
		training including topics such as paper and	
		proposal writing, peer review, and oral	
		presentation skills. This REU program, by	
		instilling confidence in under-represented	
		minority participants in their pursuit of	
		STEM degrees and careers, will enhance	
		the contribution of Hampton University to	
		the diversification of the nation's STEM	
		workforce Research topics students may	
		work on are related to three major themes:	
		1 Satellite mission design 2	
		Observational Analysis of Planetary	
		Atmospheres and 3 Critical analysis of	
		aerosol measurements	
Harvard	Solar Physics at the	Students will carry out individual research	Dr. Katharine Reeves
Smitheonian	Harvard	projects in solar physics under the	(617) 106-7563
Contor for	Smithsonian Contor	supervision of Center for Astrophysics	krowes@efa barvard odu
Astrophysics	for Astrophysics	(CfA) sonior staff scientists and angingers	<u>การรัฐบาล.ทิสเซลเน.ธนน</u>
ASILOPHYSICS	I OF ASTOPHYSICS	for ton wooks during the summer. The	Sandy Daly
		dudent projects jouchus sumarias	Sanuy Daiy (617) 406 7000
		student projects involve numerical	(01/) 490-/089
	1	modeling, data analysis from space	soary w cra.narvaro.eou

		missions currently being supported at the	
		CfA such as Hinode SDO IRIS Wind	https://pweb.cfa.barvard.edu/opportunities/graduate-
		DISCOVR and Parker Solar Probe or	undergraduate-programs/beassp-solar-physics-reu-
		engineering projects related to solar	nrogram
		instrumentation being built at the CfA	program
		depending on the students' interests and	
		abilities With its strong Space Weather	
		abilities. With its strong Space Weather	
		component this program has the benefit to	
		society of adding to our understanding of	
		potential space nazards. Moreover, this	
		program will provide exposure to	
		professional research in a university	
		environment with a goal of helping	
		students to decide whether to continue	
		their education in graduate school, and	
		whether or not to pursue research as a	
		profession. A student outreach component	
		of the program will bring educational	
		activities to the local community. The	
		target group of students consists of	
		undergraduates in Science, Technology,	
		Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines,	
		with a preference for underrepresented	
		groups in STEM fields and students from	
		small colleges where there are few	
		research opportunities.	
Iowa State	Launching	Students will participate in one of multiple	Benjamin Ahn
University	Aerospace's	independent research projects relating to	(515) 294-6491
,	Underrepresented	unmanned aerial systems (UAS), such as	bahn@iastate.edu
	Students into the	developing onboard hardware that	
	Next Chapter-	continuously monitors essential UAS	https://www.aere.iastate.edu/launchuas/
	Unmanned Aerial	components for safe and autonomous	
	Systems (LAUNCH-	operation: model and simulate low-altitude	
	UAS)	traffic management systems for	
	0/10/	autonomous UAS: model and simulate the	
		operation of LIAS and examine their	
		ethical legal societal and environmental	
		implications: develop an inductive	
		charging capability for supplying power to	
		LIAS while in operation: design build and	
		experiment with onboard enroy eveteme	
		for IIAS and characterize the spray	
		IOI UAS and characterize the spray	

		droplets: develop low-power anti-/de-icing	
		techniques and examine various icephobic	
		coatings for safer long-term autonomous	
		UAS flights: and create an educational	
		module that increases engineers'	
		awareness of ethical issues surrounding	
		the operation of LIAS. In addition to	
		conducting independent research on LIAS	
		students will participate in a number of	
		I ALICH-LIAS site components that include	
		professional development workshops, field	
		trips and lab tours, research lunchoon	
		apping and apping activities. There is	
		seminars, and social activities. There is	
		aiso a series of assignments intended to	
		give students opportunities to prepare	
		presentations and documents typical of	
		those that they would be expected to	
		complete as independent researchers and	
		as graduate students.	
Kent State	Research	Robotics and autonomous systems have	
University	Experience for	revolutionized the way we approach many	330-672-0791
	Undergraduates in	mundane and some highly sophisticated	<u>Ylu16@kent.edu</u>
	Robotics and	tasks. From robotic vacuum cleaners to	
	Autonomous	self-driving cars and robotic surgeries,	
	Systems	autonomous and robotic systems promise	
		to increasingly shape the way society gets	
		things done. Students will be provided with	
		a transformative experience to stimulate	
		their intellectual curiosity, cultivate	
		enthusiasm, and build capacity for	
		scientific exploration and research. Ten	
		students each year will engage in	
		innovative and cutting-edge research	
		projects over a ten-week summer	
		program. These kinds of efforts and	
		projects can increase the number of U.S.	
		students exposed to research in robotics	
		and autonomous systems and educated	
		on the merits of attending graduate school.	
		This broader impact is vitally important to	
		students pursuing careers in autonomy	
		and AI-related fields.	

Montana State	Quantum and	Student participants will be guided in	Dr. Brian D'Urso
University	Materials Physics	research projects closely associated with	(406) 994-3456
		ongoing research activities in Quantum	durso@montana.edu
		Information Science and other Quantum	
		Physics projects and teamed with	https://physics.montana.edu/reu.html
		experienced researchers who will mentor	
		them during the program. Weekly	
		meetings will be used to develop an	
		awareness of ethical conduct in science,	
		current research, the importance of	
		science in society, and career	
		opportunities in science and engineering.	
		These meetings will also be used to	
		develop communication skills and will	
		foster additional periods of interaction	
		among the REU students and MSU faculty	
		mentors. Assessment will be exercised	
		throughout the program to make certain	
		that each participant is appropriately	
		mentored and reaches their goals.	
New Jersey	Solar, Terrestrial,	Space Weather is a relatively new and	Hyomin Kim
Institute of	and Space Weather	highly interdisciplinary field. Student	(973) 596-5844
Technology	Sciences at New	training in this field is currently offered at a	hmkim@njit.edu
	Jersey Institute of	very limited number of U.S. universities.	
	Technology	The program will recruit students from	Bin Chen
		institutions with limited research	(973) 596-3565
		infrastructure and from underrepresented	<u>bin.chen@njit.edu</u>
		groups. Many research mentors are	
		accomplished solar astronomers,	https://spaceweather.njit.edu/reu
		terrestrial physicists, and computer	
		scientists. Each REU participant will be	
		paired with at least one research mentor to	
		work on a specific research project. The	
		participants will attend a series of lectures	
		and workshops and participate in other	
		career development activities throughout	
		the program. They will present their final	
		results at New Jersey Institute of	
		Technology's (NJIT) International	
		Undergraduate Summer Research	
		Symposium and a professional	
		conference.	

Pepperdine	Biological	The Pepperdine REU program focuses on	Jay Brewster
University	Adaptations to	the biological adaptation to stress.	(310) 506-4321
	Stress Molecular,	Projects vary by discipline, but include	Jay.Brewster@pepperdine.edu
	Cellular, Ecological	ecological/genetic studies in the Santa	
		Monica Mountains and Pacific Ocean	Courtney Davis
		adjacent to the Pepperdine campus,	(310) 506-4582
		cellular and biochemical studies of the	courtney.davis2@pepperdine.edu
		consequences of environmental toxins,	
		mathematical modeling of biological	https://seaver.pepperdine.edu/surb/
		systems, and the impact of environmental	
		stress upon soil microbial diversity. The	
		program specific aims are to: 1) enhance	
		the maturation of undergraduate students	
		as young scientists; 2) engage students in	
		full-time, authentic biological research and	
		the effective communication of research	
		findings; 3) introduce students to	
		bioinformatics and mathematical modeling;	
		4) train students to engage non-scientists	
		and the public through service and clear	
		communication; and 5) provide research	
		opportunities for students from	
		underrepresented groups and from	
		schools that lack research opportunities.	
Rutgers	Research	Through independent projects and team	Dr. Josh Kohut
University	Internships in	research experiences, students focus on	(848) 932-3496
	Ocean Sciences	process-oriented concepts and techniques	kohut@marine.rutgers.edu
		applicable in any marine ecosystem. The	
		goal of RIOS is to enable students	Olaf Jensen
		interested in ocean sciences to participate	ojensen@marine.rutgers.edu
		in meaningful, interactive research	
		directed by an enthusiastic, experienced	https://marine.rutgers.edu/rios/
		group of mentors. Group activities and	
		independent research are embedded	
		within ongoing programs, many of which	
		are focused on the New Jersey continental	
		shelf and adjacent estuaries. At the	
		beginning of each summer internship, a	
		four-day orientation introduces students to	
		ongoing research, focusing on the Raritan	
		River-Raritan Bay and the Mullica River-	
		Great Bay systems. The two estuaries	

		provide a sharp contrast in their human	
		impacts on coastal ecosystems. During	
		the first week students also consult with	
		mentors and attend workshops on how to	
		formulate a research question and write a	
		proposal. Students then begin research	
		proposal. Students the main compute in New	
		projects either at the main campus in New	
		Brunswick, NJ or at the Rutgers University	
		Marine Field Station (RUMFS) in	
		Tuckerton, NJ. Students make oral	
		progress reports of their research in a mid-	
		program workshop, receive instruction on	
		how to write up and analyze their data,	
		and how to prepare a poster for the final	
		poster session.	
South Dakota	PLAINS (Promoting	STEM undergraduates engage in	Stephen Gent
State University	Leadership in	collaborative group projects that use High	(605) 688-5337
	Advanced Research	Performance Computing, Big Data, and	Stephen.Gent@sdstate.edu
	Computing for	computationally-intensive models as a	
	INterdisciplinary	central organizing theme. They will gain a	Jung-Han Kimn
	Sectors)	competitive edge in the STEM workforce	(605) 688-5842
	,	by combining a broad perspective on the	Jung-Han Kimn@sdstate.edu
		theory and application of computing with	
		training in research integrity and the	https://www.sdstate.edu/mechanical-
		development of professional skills, such as	engineering/research-experience-undergraduates
		technical communication and leadership	engineening/research experience undergraddates
		Each student will work closely with	
		graduate assistant and faculty mentors	
		graduate assistant and faculty mentors	
		every day, and with industry mentors	
		several times per week. Participants will	
		learn now high fidelity models can be used	
		to represent physical phenomena, how the	
		models are implemented within a large	
		computing environment, and how the	
		simulation results are analyzed,	
		interpreted, and used to gain insight for	
		theoretical and applied problems. Students	
		will gain valuable experience with	
		simulation tools in the context of	
		engineering analysis, state-of-the-art	
		research tools in computation, statistical	

		analysis based on real datasets and	
		simulations, and advanced numerical	
		methods including parallel algorithms in	
L Iniversity of	Advancing Space	Lindergroduete studente ere provided with	Motthow Fillingin
		ondergraduate students are provided with	
California –	Sciences through	an immersive experience in space science	510-643-8485
Berkeley	Undergraduate	research and engineering. Students are	matt@ssi.berkeley.edu
Space Science	Research	exposed to a multidisciplinary research	
Lab (SSL)	Experiences	laboratory setting, conducting cutting edge	https://www.ssl.berkeley.edu/assure/
	(ASSURE)	research alongside leaders in the field.	
		Students involved in the program acquire	
		experience required for design and	
		management of experimental research	
		programs and support a range of on-going	
		geospace missions. The research staff at	
		SSL is composed of a diverse international	
		community working on a range of space	
		physics missions in radio astronomy.	
		magnetospheric physics, heliophysics,	
		planetary science, high energy	
		astrophysics and maintains robust	
		engineering facilities. The range of work at	
		SSL provides ASSURE students with the	
		opportunity to gain a comprehensive	
		exposure to a range of geospace	
		research, including space weather and	
		other phenomena of national importance.	
		The program includes a bootcamp to	
		develop student skills early in the program.	
		careful consideration to mentor matching	
		an independent project, and the	
		opportunity to present research at a	
		national conference	
University of	Physics/JII A	Undergraduate students are paired up with	Dr. Michael Litos
Colorado -		preeminent faculty to do cutting-edge	(303) 492-6453
Boulder		research in many fields of physics	reuphys@colorado.edu
2.50,001		including atomic, molecular, and ontical	
		physics biophysics condensed matter	https://www.colorado.edu/physics-iila-reu
		hysics, high energy physics, nuclear	
		nhysics, night chergy physics, nuclear	
		hysics, plasma physics, quantum hysics, quantum information science, and	
		physics, quantum mornation science, and physics adjustion research. While the	
		physics education research. while the	

		main emphasis of the summer is centered on each student's individual research lab,	
		where the students are expected to master	
		at least a part of a large task, a variety of	
		other activities take place during the	
		program. These include ethics,	
		electronics, and machining classes, a	
		program on "Getting Into Grad School," as	
		well as lab tours and a weekly science	
		seminar series aimed at the students.	
University of	Solar and Space	Students will be introduced to authentic	Willow Reed
Colorado -	Physics with the	research in solar and space physics. It will	(303) 492-6827
Boulder	Boulder Solar	begin with a one week summer school on	Willow.Reed@Colorado.edu
	Alliance	the Sun, Earth's magnetosphere and	
		atmosphere, the heliosphere, and the Sun-	Dr. Daniel N Baker
		Earth connection. This week also includes	(303) 492-4509
		a practical course in scientific computing	Daniel.Baker@lasp.colorado.edu
		and a cohort-building group project. The	
		students will spend the remaining nine	https://lasp.colorado.edu/information/undergraduates/reu/
		weeks working on individual research	
		projects guided by scientist mentors from	
		the participating institutes in Boulder,	
		Colorado. The program concludes with	
		each student giving a 20 minute oral	
		presentation of their work as well as a	
		poster or manuscript of their findings. The	
		students learn to work independently on	
		cutting-edge research and to communicate	
		their results effectively. In addition to	
		research, weekly professional	
		development sessions teach the students	
		about career options in science, applying	
		to graduate school, ethics and impostor	
		syndrome, creating a CV, and scientific	
		communication (talks, posters, proposals,	
		and manuscripts).	
University of	Applying the Tools	Students will be integrated into senior-	Dr. Irene Lira-Andsager
Illinois – Urbana-	of Physicians to	faculty-led research groups and contribute	(217) 333-6186
Champaign	Explore the	to on-going research projects in a variety	andsager2@illinois.edu
	Macroscopic,	of physics areas. The REU projects at	
	Microscopic and	UIUC are neither "cookbook" exercises nor	https://physics.illinois.edu/research/reu
	Quantum Worlds	simple manual labor. Students will have	

		opportunities to write code that is	
		subsequently used in real experiments.	
		simulate and test components for real	
		instruments, build and characterize novel	
		devices arow samples that are used in	
		original research, and analyze real data	
		They will be expected to principles of the	
		riney will be exposed to principles of the	
		responsible conduct of research and data	
		management and preservation. They will	
		receive instruction in professional	
		technical communication skills and	
		practice leadership and teamwork skills	
		essential to their success as future	
		scientists and engineers. They will	
		experience a holistic program that teaches	
		them not only how to do physics research,	
		but also how to be successful physicists.	
University of	Program in Climate	The Program in Climate and Space	Frank Marsik
Michigan	and Space Science	Science Observation (PICASSO) at the	(734) 763-5369
5	Observation	University of Michigan seeks to engage a	marsik@umich.edu
	(PICASSO) at the	diverse cohort of students with hands-on	
	University of	exposure to a broad range of climate and	Tonva Thompson
	Michigan	space science topics, including	(734) 763-4611
	·····gen	meteorology and climate variability	tyb@umich edu
		atmospheric-biosphere exchange	<u>yo o annonio aa</u>
		aerosols and atmospheric chemistry	https://clasp.engin.umich.edu/academics/undergraduate-
		remote sensing, computational modeling	research/reu-clasn/
		space weather and planetary	
		atmospheres. Through these projects	
		attidente will heve the encerturity to learn	
		students will have the opportunity to learn	
		reconical skills, such as: (a) research	
		project development and management, (b)	
		data collection, quality assurance,	
		analysis, and visualization, (c)	
		computational model development,	
		application and evaluation, and (d)	
		assessment and consideration of	
		uncertainties in the interpretation of	
		research results. In addition to the	
		technical skill-building elements of the	
		program, students will participate in a	
		series of professional development	

		activities which will focus on: (a) understanding practices associated with the responsible and ethical conduct of research, (b) developing skills for the communication of scientific research results to their peers and the general public, (c) learning the nuances of selecting, applying to, and succeeding in graduate school, and (d) developing a greater sense of self-understanding and self-authorship in support of professional and personal decision-making. In doing so, we will seek to improve the confidence of these students regarding their continued participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.	
University of Michigan	Summer Intensive Research Experiences in Neuroscience (SIREN)	Students will gain expertise in the conduct of research while building an array of transferrable professional skills. Participants will present their research in an end-of-summer symposium, and many will present their work at additional scientific conferences. Research opportunities will span several neuroscience sub-disciplines including behavioral, cognitive, cell/molecular, developmental, sensory, and computational neuroscience. Projects tend to focus on the basis of neurological development or disease, and utilize a wide range of in silico, in vitro, and in vivo model systems. Journal clubs, presentations, and discussions will intersect these subareas to further explore interdisciplinary approaches to science. Weekly workshops will help develop the transferable skills required for success in long-term research careers; topics include current methods in neuroscience, rigor and reproducibility, research skills, and career planning.	R. Keith Duncan (734) 763-2129 <u>rkduncan@umich.edu</u> Shelly Flagel (734) 936-2033 <u>sflagel@umich.edu</u> <u>https://neuroscience.med.umich.edu/reu-site-summer- intensive-research-experiences-neuroscience-siren</u>

University of	Summer Research	Undergraduates will be trained in	Satish Nair
Missouri	Projects in	interdisciplinary neuroscience, with a focus	(573) 882-2964
	Neuroscience	on computational methods. The program	nairs@missouri.edu
		starts with a one-week boot-camp on	
		computational tools and technical writing.	David Schulz
		Neuroscience faculty members from the	(573) 882-4067
		Colleges of Arts & Science, Engineering,	schulzd@missouri.edu
		Vet Med, and Medicine train	
		undergraduates in research, in projects	https://nairs.mufaculty.umsystem.edu/research/nsf-
		that range across the neuroscience	neural-reu-project
		spectrum, e.g., neuronal homeostasis and	
		compensation (intracellular), mechanisms	
		of exocytosis (cellular), fear memory	
		formation in amygdala (cellar and	
		network), cortico-basal ganglia system	
		(network/systems), attention in human	
		cognition (cognitive), and neural	
		processing of motivated behaviors	
		(behavioral).	
University of	Lasers and Optics	Students will conduct research under the	Dr. Cornelis J. Uiterwaal
Nebraska -		direct supervision of faculty who are	(402) 472-9010
Lincoln		established experts in their fields.	cuiterwaal2@unl.edu
		Recruitment focuses on underrepresented	
		groups in physics, chemistry, and	https://www.unl.edu/summerprogram/reu-lasers-and-
		engineering and on academic institutions	<u>optics</u>
		with insufficient scientific research	
		resources. In addition to research in state-	
		of-the-art laboratories, the program	
		includes student professional development	
		and community outreach. Unique to this	
		site, suitable student projects will be	
		selected to create virtual or augmented	
		reality presentations for a general	
		audience to stimulate public engagement	
		with science and technology. The first-	
		hand research experience the REU	
		students will have gained will prepare	
		them for scientific careers and strengthen	
		the nation's competitiveness on a global	
		scale.	
		A team of eight scientific experts will	

		mentor students in a broad range of topical research projects. This includes cutting-edge research with laser-driven multi-fiber nanotip electron sources, imaging of femtosecond molecular dynamics, generation of femtosecond X- ray pulses, spectroscopy, meta-materials for photonic and optical applications, the propagation of laser pulses in liquids, programmable spatial light modulation, and femtosecond laser surface processing. Students will also create virtual and augmented reality projects. Publications co-authored by REU students, their poster presentations, and their talks will advance and spread knowledge in this broad field of research and applications. The project also includes workshops for professional preparation and development, including preparation for graduate school.	
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Unmanned Systems Foundations and Applications	Students engage in professional development activities to better prepare them for Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) careers. Students from computer science, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and other related majors are considered. Particular attention is given to students from underrepresented groups and from institutions in the Midwest that lack research opportunities to support broader educational goals and diversity in the STEM workforce. Each student's research project focuses on unmanned systems with topics including close interactions of aerial robots with the environment; proficiency development in operating robotic systems; vision-based control for collaborative	Justin Bradley (402) 472-5072 justin.bradley@unl.edu Dung Hoang Tran (402) 472-5029 dtran30@unl.edu https://www.unl.edu/summerprogram/unmanned

		robotic systems; multi-agent design,	
		control, and applications; and resilient,	
		synergistic communication systems.	
		Projects build on ongoing faculty research	
		but are crafted for participants to gain	
		experience in all aspects of research, from	
		conducting a literature review and	
		prototyping, to understanding the broad	
		potential impact of the technology being	
		investigated.	
University of	Genes & the	Students may select from research that	Van Doze
North Dakota	Environment:	represents a wide array of biological fields	(701) 777-6222
	Research	including cell biology, developmental	van.doze@med.und.edu
	Experiences for	biology, genetics, molecular biology,	
	Undergraduates	neuroscience, and systems biology.	Rebecca Simmons
	from Rural & Tribal	Students will also participate in weekly	(701) 777-3439
	Colleges	seminars and workshops on topics such	rebecca.simmons@und.edu
	Ŭ	as scientific writing and presentations,	
		responsible and ethical conduct of	http://ndinbre.org/NSF-REU/
		research, diversity and inclusion in STEM,	
		mentoring and applying to graduate	
		programs. Students will present their	
		research during a poster symposium at the	
		end of the program.	
University of	Integrative Cell and	Students will receive a comprehensive	Xuemin Lu
Notre Dame	Molecular Biology	introduction to scientific research. It will	(574) 631-0883
		give students experience in generating	xlu1@nd.edu
		and analyzing their own research results	
		as well as effectively reporting scientific	Michelle Whaley
		information. It will also educate them on	(574) 631-9343
		the important issues of professionalism	Michelle A Whaley 3@nd edu
		ethical conduct, collaboration, and other	
		skills needed to succeed in the scientific	https://www3.nd.edu/~biosreu/
		arena. The recruitment of	
		underrepresented minority students and	
		students without access to research will be	
		a high priority to increase the diversity of	
		students pursuing research careers	
		Students will learn how research is	
		conducted, and many will present the	
		results of their work at scientific	
		conferences	

University of	Cryptography and	Students are given the opportunity to	Jean-Francois Biasse
South Florida	Coding Theory at	explore different angles of post-quantum	biasse@usf.edu
	the University of	cryptography, which consists in the design	
	South Florida	of cryptosystems that will resist attacks	Dmvtro Savchuk
		from future quantum computers. Research	savchuk@usf.edu
		projects available to the students include	
		the design and analysis of cryptosystems	https://www.usf-crypto.org/reu-program/
		based on Euclidean lattices, on error-	
		correcting codes, as well as the technical	
		aspects pertaining to their practical	
		deployment. Students are also given the	
		opportunity to explore the mathematical	
		aspects of block cipher design through	
		projects on Almost Perfect non-Linear	
		(APN) functions, as well as the design of	
		error correcting codes that optimize the	
		redundancy effort to mitigate the impact of	
		the unavailability of servers. Students are	
		given opportunities for personal	
		development such as training in	
		cryptography and coding theory by an	
		interdisciplinary team of senior personnel,	
		and professional workshops on intellectual	
		property and graduate school applications.	
		In addition, participants take part in an	
		REU Site research symposium at the end	
		of the summer that brings together REU	
		Site participants from all disciplines across	
		the University of South Florida.	
University of	Sensorimotor	The scientific theme will focus on the	Eric Chudler
Washington	Neural Engineering	emerging domain of neural engineering.	(206) 616-6899
		This research area encompasses the	chudler@u.washington.edu
		development of concepts and devices	
		used to assist, understand, and interact	Rajesh Rao
		with neural systems. Because neural	(206) 685-9141
		engineering is an interdisciplinary topic,	rao@cs.washington.edu
		students will be assigned to laboratories in	
		several departments including	https://centerforneurotech.uw.edu/content/research-
		Bioengineering, Biology, Physiology and	experience-undergraduates
		Biophysics, Psychology, Rehabilitation	
		Medicine, Computer Sciences and	
		Engineering, Electrical Engineering and	

		Mechanical Engineering. In addition to	
		laboratory work, students will participate in	
		a communications course and workshops	
		to improve their presentation and writing	
		skills. All REU participants will complete a	
		Responsible Conduct of Research	
		Training including discussions about the	
		ethical conduct of research. A special	
		workshop will be provided about how	
		ethical issues might arise in the field of	
		sensorimotor neural engineering. Talented	
		undergraduates, especially those from	
		under-represented groups and who have	
		completed their freshman and sophomore	
		years, are encouraged to apply.	
University of	UNOLS-MATE At-	University National Oceanographic	Doug Russell
Washington	Sea Technical	Laboratory System - Marine Advanced	206-543-5062
Ŭ	Internship	Technical Education (UNOLS-MATE)	dgruss@uw.edu
		interns work with marine technicians and	
		scientists onboard research vessels.	https://www.marinetech.org/internships/
		These experiences provide interns with	
		the opportunity to develop their technical,	
		scientific, seamanship and interpersonal	
		skills. Ships that are part of the UNOLS	
		and the United States Coast Guard	
		(USCG) fleets will serve as internship	
		hosts. While the program is open to all	
		U.S. undergraduates, recruitment efforts	
		are focused on community college	
		students enrolled in marine technology	
		programs and university students	
		interested in marine technical careers.	
		This training effort is important for the	
		continued operation of the U.S. academic	
		research fleet and for the marine	
		industries that benefit by hiring the highly	
		skilled technicians who graduate from the	
		program. With a focus on recruiting	
		students from community colleges who are	
		interested in careers as marine	
		technicians, the MATE internship program	
		fills a unique need in the continuum of	

		support for undergraduate students in	
		marine sciences.	
Virginia	Glvco-Tree:	Glycomaterials is a term that broadly	Alan Esker
Polytechnic	Glycomaterial	encompasses sugars and larger	540-231-4601
Institute and	Training, Research	molecules derived from sugars.	aesker@vt.edu
State University	and Education	Applications of alvcomaterials include	
	Experiences	structural products such as lumber	https://alvcotree.chem.vt.edu/
	Experiences	textiles biofuels (derived from corn and	
		wood) food additives and nutrition	
		Glycomaterials also play important roles in	
		biology including immune response cell-	
		to-cell communication and as a	
		fundamental component of DNA In 2020	
		the National Science Foundation funded	
		GiveoMIP a Materials Innovation Platform	
		(MID) at Virginia Tech and partner	
		institutions, to concentrate expertise in	
		characterization modeling and synthesis	
		of alwaymeterials with state of the ort	
		for give ond instrumentation. Virginia	
		Tach will best a Dessarab Experiences for	
		Ledergreductes (DELI) site that leverages	
		Choom of the offered updergreduate	
		Givening to anoro undergraduate	
		students with team-based research	
		Projects, participation in Give inte	
		Summer School, a week-long dive into	
		giycomaterial characterization, modeling	
		and synthesis, and leadership	
		opportunities through Youth Experiencing	
		Science (YES), a K-12 summer outreach	
	Desearch training in	program at virginia recn.	
Yale University	Research training in	Undergraduates will receive convergent,	
	biomedical sciences	nands-on research experiences and	(203) 432-4258
	and engineering	professional development skills at a large	<u>corey.onern@yale.edu</u>
		research institution that will enable them to	Densities Mahla
		pursue STEM careers. The REU Site has	Dorottya Noble
		three focus research areas: A) Biological	(203) 432-2751
		imaging and data science, B)	dorottya.noble@yale.edu
		Biomechanics, and C) Systems biology.	
		Each REU participant conducts research	https://physics-engineering-biology.yale.edu/nsf-reu-site
		in one of these research areas.	
		Enrichment activities develop students'	

written and oral communication skills	
aimed at science and lay audiences,	
networking skills, and understanding of the	
graduate application process, STEM	
careers, and scientific ethics. REU	
participants will gain a deeper	
understanding of interdisciplinary and	
guantitative research and how wet-lab	
experiments inform computational and	
theoretical approaches, and vice versa.	
This REU Site helps students determine if	
they want to pursue graduate studies, the	
field they want to pursue during graduate	
studies, and the STEM careers that are	
available to them. Many participants will	
have the opportunity to present their	
research at scientific conferences, and.	
when possible, contribute to the	
preparation of scientific publications.	