

Paid summer undergraduate internship programs

Interested in a summer internship at an academic institution or government lab? There are hundreds of research experiences for undergraduates (REU) programs funded by national agencies like the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, and the National Aeronautics & Space Administration.

Programs are generally 8 -- 10 weeks over the summer and consist of working on a small team with a faculty and other researchers on a project in their lab. Participants are generally paid, and in many cases, assistance with housing and travel are provided. Awards vary by site.

In addition to the great reasons to participate in an internship program these summer internships, hosted at universities across the country, is an excellent way to gain insight into academic research and the graduate school experience. This is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in pursuing graduate school.

Applications for these programs vary by site but are largely due in February/March of each year. This makes it an ideal time to explore these opportunities. The Institute for Broadening Participation has developed a website search tool enabling users to search for summer undergraduate internships funded by government agencies. Users can search hundreds of entries by discipline, geographic region, or site.

Here are the links to the site:

Institute for Broadening Participation Pathways to Science Programs
Search Tool: <http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Programs.asp>.

Institute for Broadening Participation Website:
<http://www.ibparticipation.org/>

Links to specific agencies:

National Science Foundation REU sites:
http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm

DOD funded REU sites:
http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.cfm?unitid=10023

NASA Opportunities site:
<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/current-opps-index.html>

For general information about these internship programs please email Wes Uehara (wuehara@ea.ucla.edu <<mailto:wuehara@ea.ucla.edu>>). For information on program details, application process, and deadlines please contact the program manager at the site you are interested in applying to.