

MARC U-STAR

Summer Research Experience (SRE)

How to find the SRE:

- Do a search online for a SRE that is in your field of interest (e.g. Psychology summer research experience at Princeton University 2017).
- Keywords to help you narrow your search: SRE, summer research experience, undergraduate, biopsych, psychology, neuroscience, summer 2017, summer research programs, (REU)- Research Experience for Undergrads, psychology-clinical research, cognitive psychology research, (SURP)- Summer Undergraduate Research Program, undergraduate summer internship, biomedical, or social/behavioral sciences.
- You can look into a certain university and search for their available SREs or go to the links below to see SREs that are available.
- If you go to a site and they have a statement saying that the positions are filled for this year and they do not have information up for the upcoming summer, you can check the site again mid-November- December or e-mail the contact person if they are listed.
- If you are unsure about a program, ask your mentors, MARC staff, or the contact person listed in the SRE announcement.

Sites that might help you narrow your search (careful as some due dates on the site are listed for 2016 so you will have to go to the specific institution to find the correct deadline):

1. <http://www.apa.org/education/undergrad/research-opps.aspx>
2. https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.jsp?unitid=5054
3. http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/programs.aspx?descriptorhub=SummerResearch_Summer%20Research%20Opportunity
4. http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/discipline.aspx?sort=MED-NeuroSci_Neuroscience
5. <http://www.rochester.edu/careercenter/students/internship/links/bcspychneuro/>
6. <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip>
7. <https://pnp.artsci.wustl.edu/undergraduate/internships>
8. http://www.ninds.nih.gov/jobs_and_training/summer/
9. <http://psychology.uchicago.edu/academics/undergrad/Summer%20Psychology%20Opportunities.pdf>
10. <http://www.psych.umn.edu/ugrad/summerresearchaway.html>
11. <http://www.theleadershipalliance.org/Programs/SummerResearch/ViewResearchSites/tabid/249/Default.aspx#dartmouth>

Examples of Specific Programs:

12. <https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/srop;>
<http://psych.wisc.edu/Psychological%20Research%20Experience%20Program.htm>
13. <http://gradschool.princeton.edu/diversity/princeton-summer-undergraduate-research-experience-psure>
14. <https://www.uab.edu/medicine/neurobiology/education/undergrad-research>

15. <https://grad.ucla.edu/admissions/diversity/summer-programs-for-undergraduate-research-spur/>

Things to Consider:

- Consider sites that have a PhD Program that you might be interested in. It will help you build relationships and networks at the school.
- It might be helpful to look into the department faculty's work to see if the research done at a certain institution is aligned with what you are interested in. Also, if mentors are listed, you should research them to see if you are interested in their work.
- Carefully review application materials, as each site requires different information.
- Look at how many hours the program is requiring. Also, make sure that the work is research-based. Some programs are seeking a clinical intern, not a research assistant.
- There are different due dates for each program, thus have all of your materials ready. Do not wait until the last minute to try to get everything together. Most programs open up their applications in November and have their deadlines set January-February.
- Check the dates of the SRE to make sure you are applying for the right program and year.
- Pay attention to what the institutions offer in terms of stipends, travel, and housing plans.
- You will likely need letters of recommendation. Give your letter writers plenty of time to provide you a letter, but at least 4-weeks notice.
- It also takes a couple of weeks for the institution to send official transcripts, so plan ahead and request your transcripts from UCDAccess or the Registrar's Office as soon as you have decided on programs.