PAID SUMMER RESEARCH INFO SESSIONS

Stan State STEM Majors: Interested in Summer Research? **Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs)** run 6-10 weeks at universities all over the U.S. and provide:

- Money ($3,000 - $7,000)
- Travel, lodging, and meals
- Professional development
- Research experience
- Mentoring
- Friends for life

Two Info Sessions:

Friday Dec. 6, 4:00pm in Naraghi 221

Monday Dec. 9, 2:00pm in LX 4 (Library Annex)

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Summer Research Info Session

1. Introductions
2. Why do summer research?
3. Types of programs and eligibility
4. Application procedures
5. Student experiences

Types of Programs

- At Stan State: research with faculty
  - Summer: McNair
  - Academic Year: RISE, Honors, LSAMP, SERSCA
- National Science Foundation **REU** Program (Research Experience for Undergraduates)
- Other programs (often sponsored by individual universities or institutions)
  - Amgen Scholars (biotech, 12 universities)
  - Searchable database of summer research

REU Examples

- University of Nebraska Summer Research
- REU in Tropical Ecology, El Verde Field Station Puerto Rico
- Undergraduate Research in Conservation Science at Zoo Miami
- UC Santa Cruz Doris Duke Conservation Scholars (2 year program)

Eligibility

Most programs (REU):

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Currently enrolled undergraduate student: (i.e., enrolled in the spring before and the fall after the summer program)
- most programs are for sophomores and juniors

**Programs for undocumented students

Application Procedures

(General- every program is different!)

- Deadlines: mid-January to late February
- Application Form: personal info
- Personal Statement (1-2 pages)
  - Personal background
  - Research interests
- Letters of Rec (~2)
- Transcript (unofficial or official)

Your Application Plan

- Before winter break:
  - Talk to two professors about your interest in an REU, and ask if they can write you letters of rec
  - Begin making a list of potential programs
- Over Winter Break:
  - Continue researching programs- finalize a list of 5-10 programs
  - Write personal statement, and get feedback from friends, family, or professors
- Apply before deadlines!