**Paid Summer Research Opportunity**

Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) is an opportunity for undergraduate STEM majors to spend 8- 10 weeks in a paid summer research program. Students are able to participate in original research, have access to state-of-the-art research facilities and gain professional development that will increase their competitiveness for graduate or professional school. This assignment will prepare you for the competitive application process for the coveted 2,000+ REU programs nationwide. Use the websites below to begin your search.

**Directory of active REU sites funded by the National Science Foundation**

[www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu­­­­\_search.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp)

**Pathways to Science: Paid summer research and internships for undergraduate**

[www.pathwaystoscience.org/Undergrads.aspx](http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Undergrads.aspx)

NOTE: CHANGE THIS TO THE Scientific Literacy Center links.

**Instructions:**

1. Use the websites above to find three REU programs to which you will apply.

2. Print and complete the applications.

3. Write a personal statement of why you would be an excellent candidate for their program if required.

4. Visit your instructor during their scheduled office hours. Ask the instructor for a “good” or “excellent” letter of recommendation. Upon agreement of the instructor; follow up by sending an email with pertinent information for REU you are seeking. Secure two letters of recommendation from STEM instructors.

5. Submit your application.