

Department of Biological Sciences 2019 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Application

This application is for NEW “mentee” undergraduate researchers

“New” = students who need to match in a lab and students who have already matched in a lab but have been doing research in the lab for one semester or less.

These fellowships support students interested in joining the research community in the Department of Biological Sciences and planning to continue research after the summer program. We are committed to building and growing a diverse community of undergraduate researchers who want to solve puzzles of the biological world. **Do NOT apply unless you plan to continue this research past the summer.**

Program description: This is our “mentor/mentee” fellowship program. New students are paired with more experienced students for mandatory meetings and activities throughout the summer including journal clubs, discussions with researchers, science communication and career-building events.

Applications due FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 10:00 AM emailed to nkaufman@pitt.edu
Approximately twelve fellowships will be awarded. The stipend is \$3800 for the summer.

Extended dates may be required by the faculty research advisor. This fellowship is a full-time commitment from May 20 – August 2, 2019. During the fellowship weeks you must plan not to be out of town (e.g. family vacation), must not be taking classes (including evening and weekend classes, e.g. a Pitt course or MCAT preparation class), and must not have other employment, fellowships, significant volunteering or other commitment.

Application advice:

- **Read** faculty research descriptions on the Department of Biological Sciences Research website: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/research> (“view profiles” for individual faculty). You might even look at some of their research papers.
- **Undergraduate Research Q+A: Learn about this fellowship and other opportunities for research.** Friday, January 25. 3:30pm. Langley 219B. Bring pen, paper, take notes.
- **CV/Resumé Workshop:** A CV/resumé is required for the application. Friday, February 1 2 PM. Langley 219B. Bring a draft CV or resumé if you have one. Bring pen, paper. Get started at <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/resume>.
- **Find research labs that fit your interests. Meet current undergraduate researchers:** FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22nd UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH POSTER SYMPOSIUM. 4 PM- 5:30 PM in Langley 219B and Langley Lobby. (after application is due, but still great idea- and will help you in interviews with labs!)
- **Talk with students who are already in labs!** Find out what their experiences are!

Application Instructions:

1) Type your application. Write complete, thoughtful and thorough answers. Check for typographical and formatting errors. *Research faculty care about how you think and how careful you are with details. They use the application to begin this assessment.*

2) Submit your application by **Friday February 15 10am** to nkaufman@pitt.edu. Include “application” in the SUBJECT line.

Attach:

- Completed application saved as *your name_newappl*
- Undergraduate grades (or transcript) PDF saved as *your name_transcript* (make sure file is readable.)
- Curriculum vita (CV) (or Resumé) saved as *your name_CV*

All files must contain your name in the file name to be processed.

***If you are already working in a Department of Biological Sciences lab, ask your faculty advisor to complete and submit a short recommendation letter on your behalf to nkaufman@pitt.edu.

What is our selection process?

The Undergraduate Research Committee of faculty from the Department of Biological Sciences will review all written applications submitted on time. Each application will be read by at least two committee members. Approximately twenty students will be selected for the next round, an interview. Only students selected to interview with the Undergraduate Research Committee will be notified to sign up for an interview. Interviewees are strongly encouraged to attend the Feb 22 undergraduate poster symposium 4-5:30pm, Langley 219B. A selection of interviewed students will be chosen for matching with a research lab for summer fellowship.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Nancy Kaufmann at nkaufman@pitt.edu

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