



Rensselaer

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) Information Sheet

The Office of Undergraduate Education is offering a limited number of Summer Undergraduate Research awards to provide funding for Rensselaer undergraduates who are conducting research with a faculty advisor during the summer months. This program offers students the opportunity to become immersed in a research topic full-time for a ten-week period. Awardees will receive a \$4,000 stipend. This year \$3,000 will come from the Office of Undergraduate Education, and \$1,000 from the faculty member or department.

Eligibility

The Summer Undergraduate Research Program is open to all Rensselaer undergraduates who are planning to conduct research on campus with a faculty advisor. Students may not be on academic probation and must be planning to enroll at Rensselaer in the fall (this includes students who plan to study abroad). Graduating seniors and incoming first year students are not eligible. Students from all fields may apply. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at 276-2244.

Awards

The awards are competitively based on proposals submitted by students. The awardees will each receive a \$4,000 stipend that will be administered by the Office of Undergraduate Education on a bi-weekly pay schedule, **with applicable taxes taken out; the stipend is intended to cover ten weeks of full-time research.**

Applications

Application packets are available at <http://info.rpi.edu/undergraduate-research/summer-undergraduate-research-program>. Complete the application form and attach **one copy of the research proposal (no more than three pages) and one letter of recommendation** from a faculty member willing to advise the project. Proposals must follow the guidelines <http://www.rpi.edu/dept/cct/apps/undergrad/resources/PDFs/LSGuidelinesToWritingASuccessfulProposal.pdf>.

It is recommended that students meet with their faculty researcher at least once prior to submission of a proposal to review a draft. **The proposal must be written by the student.**

All applicants and their faculty advisors will receive an email with the results of the evaluations.