So You Want to Do Summer Research?

**Why Do Summer Research?**

- **Hands on** professional experience
- **Get paid** for doing research
- All the benefits of a **scientific internship**
- **Learn early** if your scientific research interests are true for graduate school
- Possibly become published in scientific journal
- **Gain critical skills** for after graduation:
  - Communication
  - Problem solving
  - Learn & follow procedures
  - Critical thinking
  - Collaboration

**How Do I Apply?**

- Research various opportunities – both on and off campus
- Find a lab/opportunity that aligns with your interests/goals
  - Grad school? PhD?
- Research the researcher – use the CST website to learn more about faculty at Temple
- Determine when you want to complete research – Fall, Spring, Summer
- Familiarize yourself with deadlines associated with programs
  - Most deadlines occur in January/February

**Will I Get Paid?**

- Many opportunities provide a stipend over the summer
- Some opportunities cover cost of housing & transportation

**Where Can I Find Opportunities?**

- Temple Undergraduate Research Program (URP)
- National Science Foundation (NSF) - REU
- National institutes of Health (NIH)
- Amgen Scholars Foundation
- Temple CST Website
  - [https://cst.temple.edu/research/summer-research-opportunities](https://cst.temple.edu/research/summer-research-opportunities)

**What Makes a Good Application?**

- Make sure you address all aspects of the application (personal documents, statements, etc.)
- Show who you are with resume/essays
- Review documents for clean writing skills
- Get strong recommendation letters

**Important Considerations**

- **Underrepresented minorities** are HIGHLY sought after
- Can be highly competitive
- A lot of opportunities exist – just have to look in the right places!
- KEEP TRYING! – Apply to multiple opportunities

**Additional Resources**

Your professors!

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