## What is the URP?

- Students in the College of Science and Technology (CST) get to work with distinguished Temple faculty members on both the Main campus and the Health Sciences campus completing hands-on research in their particular field of interest.
- The program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Typically, freshmen have not completed enough of the required entry level CST courses to be considered for the program. Transfer students who have been in CST for two semesters may also apply.
- This research program runs in the Fall, Spring and Summer – students can apply for the semester that best fits their schedule. **Students are required to apply each semester for participation in URP.**
- Students will need to have a CST GPA of 2.75 in ALL CST classes (including repeated CST courses and withdrawn CST courses) and a strong overall GPA. Both will be reviewed during the URP acceptance process.
- **Students can only participate in URP for a total of two semesters.** One of the two semesters can be summer - **students may not do two summers of URP.**

## Why Participate in the URP?

- Students get **hands on** professional experience in the laboratory outside of the classroom, which both post-undergraduate programs and employers look for in graduates.
- Students receive all the benefits of a scientific internship and have the possibility of becoming published in a scientific journal.
- Students will **gain critical skills** for after graduation including problem solving, communication, learning & following procedures, and collaboration.

## How Do I Apply For the URP?

- Interested students apply online; each semester an email notification is distributed to all CST students when the application opens.
- The application MUST completed by the due date to be considered. Fall and Summer semester applications are available in March. Spring semester applications are available in late October.
- Students can indicate on the application which URP faculty member they are interested in working with – students can specify more than one URP faculty sponsor.

## I’ve Been Accepted – Now What?

- Approved URP students need to secure a research position with one of the faculty researchers (aka PI) posted on the “Find My Research” webpage. Faculty/Staff do not connect or place students in the research labs; students must take the initiative to identify and secure position in a research lab.
- Meet with your department faculty advisor to enroll in a research course. **Fall and/or Spring** URP students are required to enroll in a 2-4 credit research course (on rare occasions a 1-credit course is permitted). URP students must be enrolled in a minimum of a 3-credit hour research course to receive the stipend.
- After the research position is confirmed, complete the Research Approval form. This online form is included in the URP student approval email.
- URP students may be asked to participate in conferences or to showcase their research work by the department.
- **Note:** URP approvals are valid for that semester only; students must reapply for another semester (2-semester limit).