What is the URP?

- Students in the College of Science and Technology 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- Students will need to have a CST GPA of 2.75 in ALL CST classes (including repeated CST courses and withdrawn CST courses) and a strong overall GPA.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?

1. Students will be sent an email informing them about the application deadlines to apply.
2. MUST complete the required application online by the due date to be considered. Fall and Summer applications are available in March. Spring applications are available in late October.
3. Students will indicate during the application process which URP faculty member they are interested in working with as their faculty research sponsor – students can specify more than one URP faculty sponsor.

I’ve Been Accepted – Now What?

1. Students who are selected to participate in **Fall or Spring** will take a 2-4 credit research course (on rare occasions we will allow a 1 credit course with a petition). Students are expected to work approximately 3 times the number of credit hours per week in the lab and may be asked to participate in conferences or to showcase their research work in the department.
2. Students may also be paid for additional time in excess of their required course work requirement in the lab if the faculty sponsor supports the additional research work. Students may earn up to $9.00 an hour for a maximum of 9 hours each week above the required course time in the lab. **Students MUST be taking a 3 or 4 credit research course to receive pay for additional time in lab over their required hours. Students who are taking only a 1 or 2 credit hour research course are not eligible for additional hours of pay.**
3. Students who are selected to participate in the **Summer** will be paid for up to 400 hours of research in a faculty lab.

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