



Undergraduate Research Program (URP)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is URP?

As part of its effort to encourage undergraduate participation in scientific research, the College of Science and Technology created the CST Undergraduate Research Program (URP). This program allows students in the College of Science and Technology 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. This research program runs in the Fall, Spring and Summer – students can apply for the semester that best fits their schedule. However, students can only participate in URP for two semesters. Fall and Spring semesters requires you to register for a research course. Summer URP does not require a research course and will be a paid opportunity.

Why would I participate in URP?

Students who are seeking a career which includes post undergraduate education often are required to obtain hands on research work to be considered for professional school. Many job opportunities that a student may seek are also looking for students who have spent time in the lab outside of the classroom experience. Completing hands on, independent research may be critical to the next step in your educational or professional endeavors.

How do I go about applying for URP?

Students are required to apply each semester for participation in URP - this is a very selective program so a student will need to have a minimum 2.75 GPA in their CST related courses as well as a minimum 2.75 university GPA. Both will be reviewed during the URP acceptance process. CST GPA for this program includes ALL CST courses- including withdrawn CST courses and all repeated CST courses. This is different than the University repeat policy.

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 on campus for a semester may also apply.

Students will be sent an email informing them about the application deadlines to apply. They must then complete the required application online by the due date to be considered. Students may indicate during the application process which URP faculty members they might be interested in working with as their faculty research sponsor– students should specify more than one URP faculty sponsor.

In the Fall and Spring semesters - Students who are selected to participate will take a 1 -4 credit research course. They will work with a Faculty sponsor to perform research work in the faculty member’s lab. 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.

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. **NOTE: Only those students in a 3 or 4 credit research course will be eligible for support of extra hours above their credit hours. Students taking a 1 or 2 credit hour research course will not be eligible.**

When do I apply for Spring 2019 semester?

Due dates for the upcoming Spring 2019 semester will be:

Events	Dates
Faculty Sponsors will specify their research	Late October
Students will apply for the URP program selecting from the list of approved Faculty sponsors	October 30 th to Nov 6 th
Students and Faculty will be notified of approved URP Students for the Summer	November 16 th
Faculty will interview from the list of approved students who have indicated a desire to work with the faculty sponsor	November 16 th to December 5 th
Faculty selection complete and all completed URP Forms must be returned to the College of Science and Technology	December 5 th

Who do I contact for more information?

Additional information can be found on the CST Web site – <https://cst.temple.edu/research/undergraduate-research-program-urp> or you may contact – Rose McGinnis – Director of Undergraduate Research mcginnr@temple.edu