HOW DO I FIND SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES?

Are you interested in summer research in biology on campus?

THE MCNAIR PROGRAM
You may be eligible to participate in the McNair Scholars Program, which provides research experiences for students interested in pursuing graduate study who are first generation college students or members of historically underrepresented groups. Rising juniors can apply to participate in the Geneseo Introductory Research Opportunity, a summer research program. Find out more here: https://www.geneseo.edu/mcnair

SUNY GENESEO SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
The Geneseo Foundation sponsors 6 full-time summer fellowship awards ($3000 stipend) or 3 part-time awards ($1000 stipend) to conduct research in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Proposals are due at the end of February (https://www.geneseo.edu/undergraduate_research/summer-fellowships). Proposals are generally developed in cooperation with a faculty member, so you should be in a research lab already or start discussions with a faculty member the previous fall. See the department’s research/internship opportunities page to learn about faculty research interests.

NYS SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS
Many NY universities and medical schools run summer research programs that provide stipends and often housing for undergraduates. You are paired with a mentor and learn relevant skills as you work toward an achievable research goal in an 8-10 week period.

Are you looking for programs in New York?

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU)
The National Science Foundation has opportunities for undergraduate research through its REU sites program. These are institutions that host about 10 students who work with scientists on a well-defined research project. Students are provided a stipend and often also receive help with housing and transportation to and from the site. https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp

Are you interested in opportunities beyond New York State?

OTHER NATIONWIDE OPPORTUNITIES
Visit the Department of Biology’s page on research experiences to discover more!

HOW TO APPLY
Investigate opportunities early! Reach out to letter writers at least 3 weeks before deadlines (which can range from mid-January to early March). Faculty who know you well and can tell specific stories about your work ethic will be able to write the strongest letters. Allow time to craft personal statements which may be required!