MCDB Horizons Summer Research Internship
Award Information & Application Details

Description:
Undergraduate students with an interest in biology will have an opportunity to experience scientific research first-hand by joining a research laboratory group in MCDB this summer. No previous research experience is required. Students will participate directly in a research project, as part of a team of scientists, learning new ideas and skills fundamental to biological science. Student interns are expected to commit to a full-time schedule, which could include one spring-summer class, and in addition to their research project will include programmatic activities designed to introduce them to career opportunities in science.

Stipend: $5,000 for 12 weeks between dates of May 5-August 15.

Eligibility (one or more of the following):
• Come from an educational, cultural or geographic background that is underrepresented in the scientific field of biology;
• Have experienced financial hardship as a result of family economic circumstances;
• Are first-generation U.S. citizens/residents or are the first generation in their families to attend a four-year college.

Deadline: Applications open February 1 and close March 1
To apply visit: https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0k7p8yl1xwshJ0I

Applications are accepted via the Program in Biology/Undergraduate Program award portal (which includes options for many awards). Answer the background questions to the best of your ability, e.g., if you have not declared a major, enter “undecided” in the other category. For the “are you already approved to conduct research in a U-M lab this summer?” answer no (for now).

Next, upload your personal statement, your current unofficial transcript (there is no GPA requirement, but the transcript helps us understand your academic background), and an eligibility statement. In your personal statement, please tell us (in 500 words or less) why you are interested in science and scientific research; how your college coursework informed your interest; what other experiences got you interested in scientific research; and, what your career goals are after college. The eligibility statement (250 words or less; use Supplemental Item 1 to upload this statement) should detail which of the eligibility criteria you meet for this internship.

Please note: A faculty reference is NOT REQUIRED for this application.

Questions? Contact the Biology Office (lsa-biology-advising@umich.edu).