

Funding Sources for Undergraduate Researchers and Faculty Mentors

Teaching Academy Workshop, Feb. 1, 2008

Local

Mary Gates Endowment for Students offers two annual competitions (fall and winter quarters) for undergraduates to apply for scholarships to support their research with UW faculty. See <http://www.washington.edu/oue/mge/>

Undergraduate Research Program Travel Awards for undergraduates to present research offer support for students whose work has been accepted for presentation at a professional conference or workshop. Application online at <http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/urta.html>

Summer Institute for Arts & Humanities is an intensive summer research program for UW students in these fields. Faculty and topics vary each summer. See <http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/sinst/overview.html> .

Research Fellowships for Advanced Undergraduates offer competitive awards for students who have completed at least three quarters of research. Offered through URP with funding from the Washington Research Foundation, these are open to science and engineering students. Applications at: <http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/rfau.html>

Levinson Scholars program supports UW juniors and seniors who pursue creative and independent research in genetics, neuroscience, biochemistry, bioengineering, bioinformatics, and related fields in the life sciences. <http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/levinson/index.html>

Find out if your position can qualify for Work Study which provides 75% of student wages using federal or state funds. For guidelines see: <http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa/ugaid/employer.handbook.html>

Library Research Award recognizing University of Washington students who produce significant projects requiring use of information resources, the library, and its collections. Awards are made annually in spring quarter. See <http://www.lib.washington.edu/researchAward/> for more information and application.

Washington NASA Space Grant Summer Undergraduate Research Program, based at the UW, offers matching funds for summer research participation for students in science and engineering. See: www.waspacegrant.org/student.html

McNair Scholars Program at the UW is part of the national Department of Education program to support promising undergraduates who are first-generation college students to prepare for post-graduate education. See <http://depts.washington.edu/uwmcnair/>

The Howard Hughes Program at the UW provides support for undergraduates to pursue medically-related biological research. For more information: <http://www.biology.washington.edu/biology/ursrch/hughes.html>

See the Undergraduate Research Program website, www.washington.edu/research/urp for more department-based and external resources and opportunities.

National

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Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) supplements provide funding for undergraduates to work on projects tied to NSF-funded grants to faculty. Contact your program manager at NSF for information. Annual deadlines may apply. <http://www.nsf.gov/home/crssprgm/reu/start.htm> For tips on applying for a supplement, see: <http://www.engr.washington.edu/research/oni/guidelines/reus.html>

National Institutes of Health

NIH offers grant supplements to principal investigators that include stipends for undergraduates who are from groups underrepresented in the sciences, including students with disabilities. Students may also apply for summer internships at NIH facilities. <http://www.training.nih.gov/student/index.asp>