**NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)**

REUs are summer research opportunities for STEM undergrads, funded by the National Science Foundation, and hosted at many universities around the country.

### KEY FACTS ABOUT REU

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<th>SITES</th>
<th>Research is to be done outside of Boston University at one of the hundreds of REU sites hosted nationwide.</th>
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<td>ELIGIBILITY</td>
<td>Students must be citizens or permanent residents of the US or its possessions to be eligible for funding.</td>
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<td>COMPENSATION</td>
<td>Students are provided housing, stipends ($≈$6,000 for a 10-week period), housing, transportation to and from sites, and often arrangements for meals.</td>
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### SUMMER REU APPLICATION STEPS AND TIMELINE

#### Step 1: Search & Prepare

- **EARLY TO LATE FALL**
  - Browse REU website for available sites. Check back frequently, new sites appear often.
  - Learn the details of each REU site. Most have their own websites with research info, application forms, and deadlines.
  - Most REU applications require Letters of Recommendation. Get to know your own faculty who could serve as references.

#### Step 2: Apply

- **EARLY TO LATE SPRING**
  - Apply to sites. Most applications require Resume/CV, Personal Statement, and 2-3 Letters of Recommendation; however, every site sets their own application procedures.
  - Adhere to deadlines. Most are in February or March, but can be as early as January or as late as April. Apply as early as possible.
  - Use REU website info to learn as much as you can about the researchers and personalize your application materials.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- REU Website
- How to Search for REUs (Video)
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program
- Seeking Research With BU Faculty