

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

SITES	Research is to be done outside of Boston University at one of the hundreds of REU sites hosted nationwide.
ELIGIBILITY	Students must be citizens or permanent residents of the US or its possessions to be eligible for funding.
COMPENSATION	Students are provided housing, stipends (~\$6,000 for a 10-week period), housing, transportation to and from sites, and often arrangements for meals.

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.
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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
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[REU Website](#)
[How to Search for REUs \(Video\)](#)

[Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program](#)
[Seeking Research With BU Faculty](#)