2021 Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Program
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VUSRP provides Vanderbilt undergraduate students with the opportunity to engage in 10 weeks of full-time research with any Vanderbilt faculty member.
For summer 2021; students must submit a **Plan A and a Plan B** if on-campus research is anticipated; both plans will be for the same research project with the same faculty adviser.

Research can be accomplished entirely from your home location; only submit Plan A if this is what you plan to do.

The project can be continued into the fall semester when students return to campus.
Components & Timing

Clock: **Ten weeks** of full-time research (Monday, June 7 - Friday, August 13, 2021) with a Vanderbilt faculty adviser

Star: Attend VUSRP enrichment programs throughout the summer

Projector: Participate in a roundtable discussion during the summer

Present at the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Fair in fall or spring of AY 21-22
Eligibility

- Enrolled in a Vanderbilt undergraduate degree program at the time of application
- Must be able to engage in ten weeks of full-time research during the summer with a faculty adviser
- Rising juniors and seniors
  *Applications from rising sophomores are also considered*
- Full consideration for those with at least a 3.2 GPA
Benefits

• Faculty adviser

• Research experience

• Presentation experience

• Cohort of VUSRP student researchers

• $5000 stipend
  • Limited number of $6000 Littlejohn or Goldberg Fellows awards
Immersion Vanderbilt

Research for VUSRP may also satisfy your Immersion Vanderbilt experiential requirement.

Ask your VUSRP faculty adviser to also be your faculty adviser for Immersion.

Make an advising appointment with the Office of Immersion Resources.

Submit a plan proposal that includes this research before you get started.
Application Details

Submitted through the InfoReady Review Portal by 12:00 p.m. CST (noon) on 02/04/2021

Must be endorsed by the faculty adviser. A single faculty member may advise up to two applications

Written for a general audience as review committee members will represent a variety of disciplines
Committee Review

• Extent to which the proposed work will enhance joint student-faculty research

• Degree to which the research setting and work plan meet the student’s stated goals

• The role that participation in VUSRP plays in the faculty member’s program of academic work and research
Writing Workshop

• Open to all potential applicants

• Goals are to demystify the application writing process and to provide examples

Reasons to Attend:
• Hear from past award recipients about their application writing process
• Review successful applications from past cohorts
• Learn techniques to improve your own application for VUSRP
Common FAQs

• Can I use my VUSRP experience to satisfy Immersion Vanderbilt requirements?

• May a School of Medicine faculty member be a VUSRP faculty adviser?

• How do I find a faculty adviser?

• May I enroll in summer school if I am in VUSRP?

• May I propose to continue to do research that I am already working on with my adviser?

• Am I restricted to research within my major/area of study?

• Is VUSRP only for natural, basic, and life sciences research?
Application Deadline

• Complete applications must be submitted through the InfoReady Portal by 12:00 p.m. CST (noon), February 4, 2021

- InfoReady Application and Proposal
- Plan A and Plan B articulated
- Signed VUSRP Faculty Sponsor Information & Acknowledgement form
- Official transcript

https://vanderbilt.infoready4.com/
Key Dates & Resources

Applications Due:
Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12 p.m. CST (noon)

Notifications:
Awards announced in April

Resources:
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QUESTIONS

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