



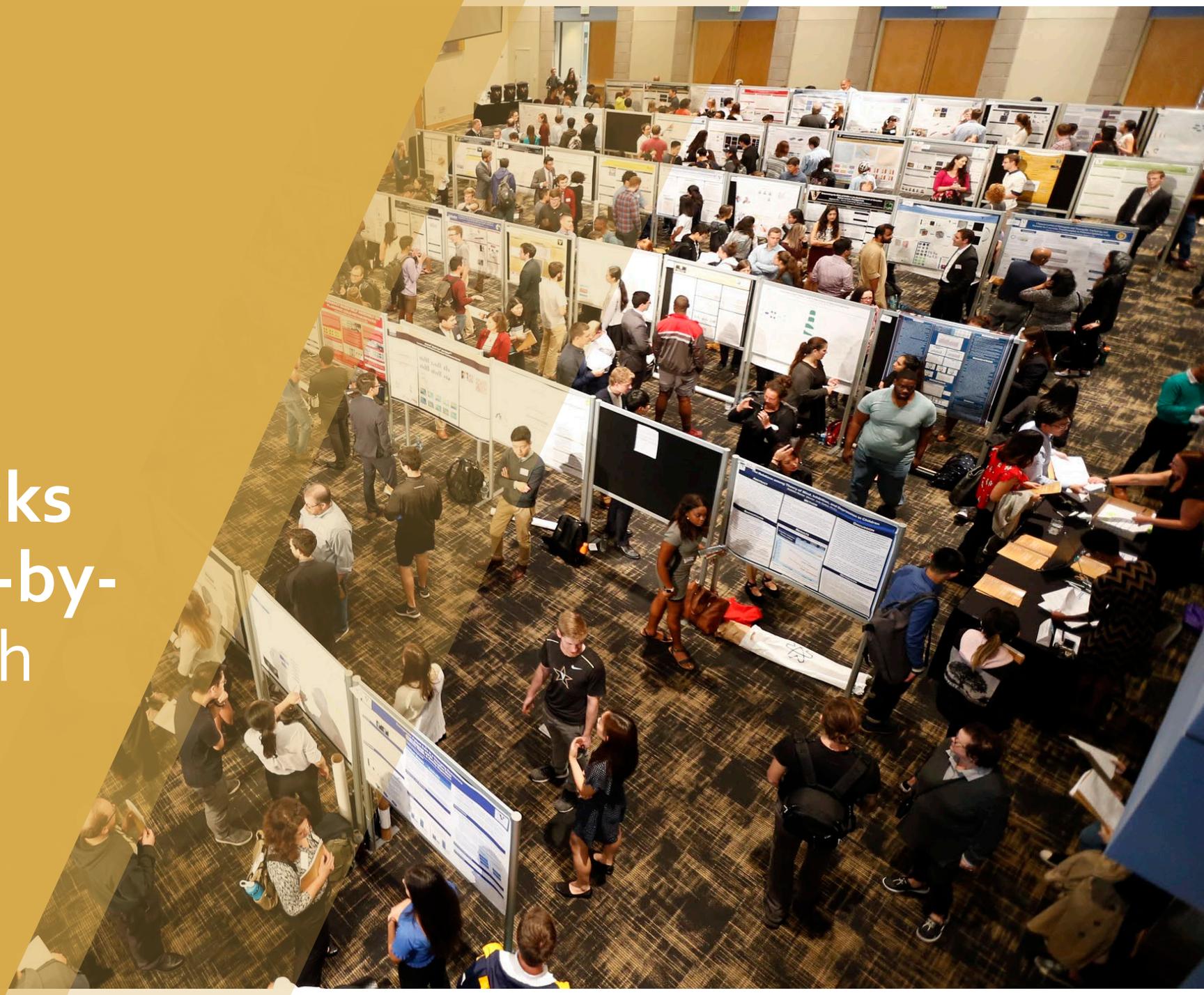
2023-2024
Vanderbilt
Undergraduate
Summer
Research
Program

OUTLINE

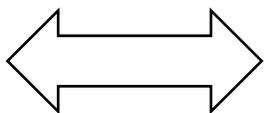
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VUSRP provides Vanderbilt undergraduate students with the opportunity to engage in 10 weeks of full-time, side-by-side research with any Vanderbilt faculty member.



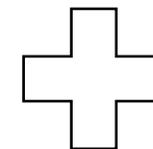
Location



Students must submit on time a complete application for on-campus, side-by-side research with a Vanderbilt faculty adviser.



Students who are awarded VUSRП cannot enroll in summer session courses with dates that overlap with the VUSRП dates.

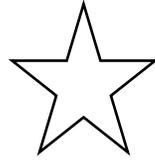


The project can be a continuation of research or can continue into the fall semester.

Components & Timing



Ten weeks of full-time research (Monday, June 3 - Friday, August 9, 2024) with a Vanderbilt faculty mentor.



Attend VUSRP enrichment programs and workshops throughout the summer.



Participate in a roundtable discussion toward the end of the ten weeks.
Present at the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Fair in fall or spring of AY 24-25.

Eligibility



Enrolled in a Vanderbilt undergraduate degree program at the time of application.



Able to engage in ten weeks of full-time, side-by-side research during the summer with a Vanderbilt faculty mentor.



Be a rising junior or senior.

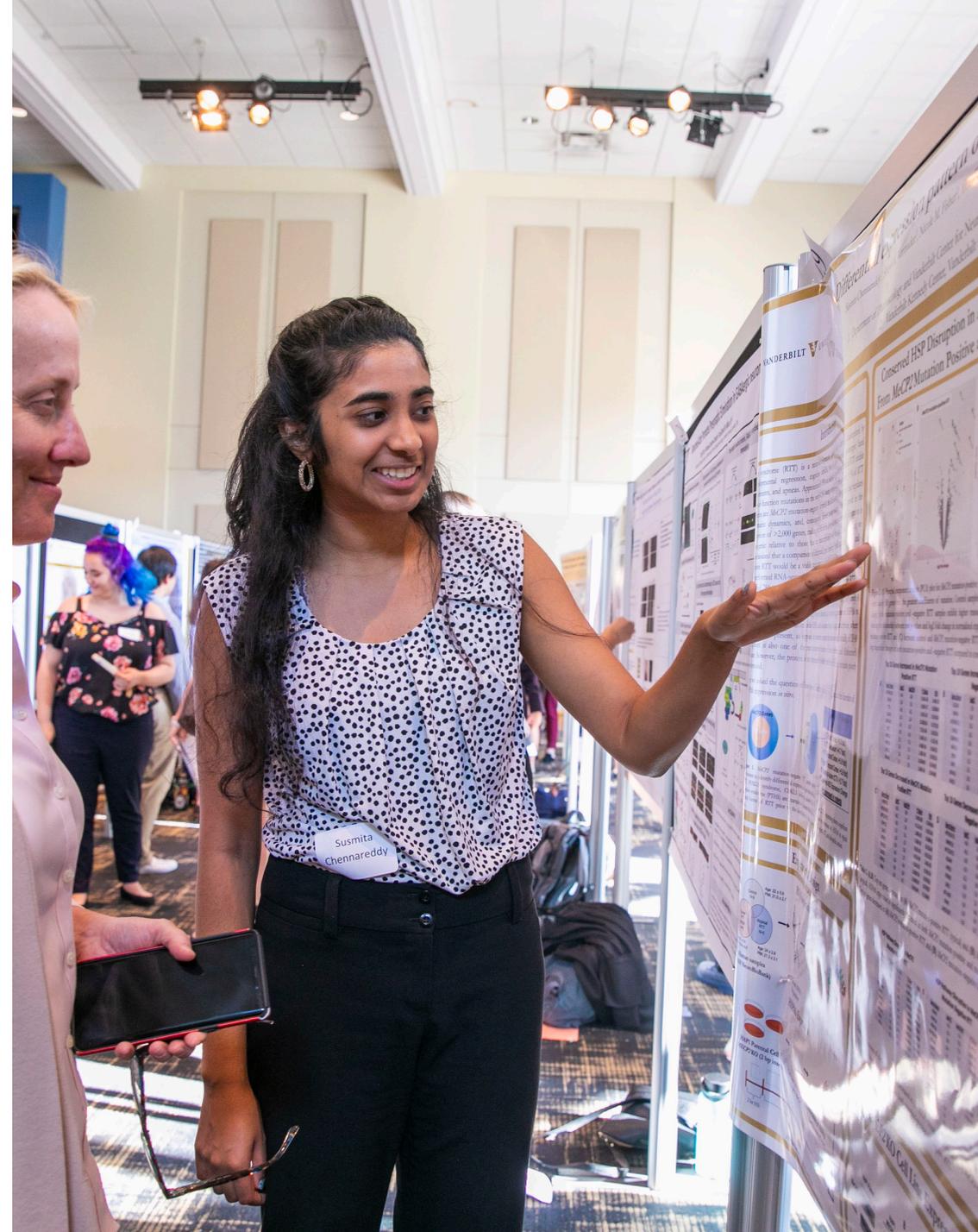
Applications from rising sophomores are considered.



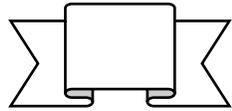
Full consideration for those with at least a 3.2 GPA.

Benefits

- Faculty mentor
- Research experience
- Presentation experience
- Cohort of VUSRP student researchers
- Eligibility for reduced summer housing for qualified students
- \$5000 stipend
 - *Limited number of \$6000 Littlejohn or Goldberg Fellows awards*



Immersion Vanderbilt



VUSRП can satisfy your Immersion Vanderbilt experiential requirement.

If awarded, then you will declare VUSRП as an immersive experience.



Ask your VUSRП faculty mentor to also be your faculty adviser for Immersion Vanderbilt.



Make an advising appointment with the Office of Experiential Learning and Immersion Vanderbilt.

Visit the Brightspace page or portal for more information.

Application Details



Submitted through the InfoReady Review Portal by 12:00 p.m. CST (noon) on 01/31/2024.

No late submissions will be accepted.



Must be endorsed by your faculty mentor. A single faculty member may sponsor up to two applications.



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

Writing Workshop

Open to all potential applicants



Goals are to demystify the application writing process, to provide examples of past successful applications, and to provide an opportunity to engage in peer review



Reasons to Attend:

- Hear from faculty reviewers about best practices
- Review successful application samples
- Learn techniques to improve your own application for VUSR

Application Review

- The strength of justification provided for the work; how well the proposed research question/hypothesis is placed within the context of prior knowledge.
- Whether there is sufficient explanation of the research design/methods; whether the approach is sufficient to address the question/hypothesis; whether the timeframe (10 weeks) is appropriate.
- The appropriateness of the plan to support student progress and to provide timely and useful feedback; the alignment of goals articulated by the student and the mentor.
- Whether the mentor provides strong support for applicant based on previous work experience, class performance, or other interactions; sees potential for applicant to leverage this experience for growth.
- Clarity of writing for reviewer and contribution to student's stated personal goals.



Common FAQs

- Can I use my VUSRП experience to satisfy Immersion Vanderbilt requirements?
 - Yes!
- May a School of Medicine faculty member be a VUSRП faculty adviser?
 - Yes! Any VU full-time faculty can mentor.
- How do I find a faculty mentor?
 - Websites, VURF programs, SIM Match, Explorations in Research, etc.
- May I enroll in summer school if I am in VUSRП?
 - Course enrollment is not permitted during the ten-week session.
- May I propose research that I am already working on with my mentor?
 - Yes! Research that is part of prior or ongoing research is allowed.



Common FAQs

- Am I restricted to research within my major/area of study?
 - Not at all; research in any discipline is always encouraged.
- Is VUSRП only for natural, basic, and life sciences research?
 - All researchers from any discipline are encouraged to apply!
- I need to adjust my research dates; is that allowed?
 - Research falling outside of the ten-week session is permitted with your faculty mentor's approval. Deviations of more than one week must be submitted in advance to EL&IV.



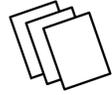
Application Deadline

- Complete applications must be submitted through the InfoReady Portal by 12:00 p.m. CST (noon), January 31, 2024
- Students are strongly encouraged to apply by January 17 to give faculty mentors time to submit their portion prior to the deadline on January 31.
- No late submissions will be accepted.
- Communicate with your faculty mentor in advance to agree upon a timeline for submitting your application.

<https://vanderbilt.infoready4.com/>



Key Dates & Resources



Applications Due:

Wednesday,
January 31, 2024
at 12 p.m. Central
(noon) 

Notifications:

Awards announced
in March via
Vanderbilt email



Resources:

vanderbilt.edu/immersion/vusrp

<https://vanderbilt.infoready4.com/>

Experiential.learning@Vanderbilt.edu



QUESTIONS

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