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Computing Research Association
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What is Computing Research? How Can I Participate?

Why participate in research opportunities?

- Earn stipend, scholarship, or credit
- Think through (and even solve!) challenging problems
- Gain knowledge and expertise
- Work with accomplished researchers
- Prepare for graduate school
- Learn life-long skills
- Build professional relationships
- Apply and discover new ideas and methodologies
- Improve your communication abilities
- Contribute to a specific area of knowledge

How do you find research opportunities?

Ask your professors, advisor for opportunities. Visit research groups in your department.

Search for “Undergraduate Research Experience” on the web.

Here’s just a sample of what you’ll find:

- CRA-W/CDC Undergraduate Research Programs: CREU and DREU, see back of this page <http://cra.org/cra-w/>
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU): http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.jsp
- Office of Naval Research (ONR) Programs for Undergrad and Grad Students: <http://nreip.asee.org/>
- NSERC USRA in Canada:
inquire with your department to find out how it works at your university.
- Research internships for Undergrad and Grad Students at INRIA (the French Institute for Research in Computer Science): <http://www.inria.fr/en/institute/recruitment/join-us/doing-a-research-internship>

When to apply?

Private Companies, Government Labs	Late Fall – February e.g., ONR program due date is Oct 23
DREU and NSF REU programs	Mid February to Mid March e.g., DREU due date is Mar 1
CREU program	Mid May
Your College / University	Often early in the calendar year

These are typical final due dates – many places start accepting applications and awarding positions much sooner. **Start Early!**

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(For more comparison information: <http://cra.org/cra-w/creu/#compare-to-dreu>)

	DREU	CREU
Time	Summer (10 weeks)	Academic year plus optional summer
Stipend per student	\$7000 per summer; relocation travel assistance when appropriate	\$1500 per semester and \$4000 during optional summer extension
Location	Mentor's institution	Student's institution
Deadline to apply	March 1	May 18

What to include in your Undergraduate Research Resume

- Relevant courses
- GPA - You'll also typically need to submit a transcript
- Major projects
- Publications (if you have them; most undergraduates don't)
- Work experience
- Languages, tools, etc. including level of proficiency

Be careful, neat, and honest

Additional Resources:



CRA-W resources for undergraduates:
<http://cra.org/cra-w/for-undergraduates/>



Virtual Undergraduate Town Hall Series:
<http://cra.org/cra-w/undergrad-town-hall-series/>