

REU Program FAQs

- 1) If I were to be accepted to this program, will all of my responsibilities to the program be taken care of during that original 8-week period, or will I be required to return to Texas (or any other locality) at some later date?
Participants should consider the research experience a full-time job during the 8-week period. And, participants are expected to complete their research project within the 8 week period. Later in the fall, they will present their research at professional conference.
- 2) I am technically recognized as senior standing, but I am not graduating until next year. Am I still eligible?
Yes, you are eligible to apply for the program since you will not have earned your bachelor's degree at the time of the program.
- 3) When can applicants expect to be notified of acceptance?
Applicants will be notified in late March.
- 4) I am graduating this May, am I still eligible to apply for the summer program?
This program is specifically for undergraduates who have not earned a bachelor's degree. Since you are earning your degree prior to the program's start, you are ineligible.
- 5) Does the letter of recommendation need to come from a faculty member of my major discipline or may a faculty of a different department write it, as well?
It may come from either as long as the letter of recommendation is from a faculty member.
- 6) Excluding the course that is taken, what kind of time commitment is required/suggested for the research project and paper on a weekly basis? Are students expected to dedicate 40 hours/week, for example?
Participants should consider this research experience a full time job for the duration of the 8 week program.
- 7) I see that the program covers room and board at one of the UT dorms. If a participating student has a lease off-campus through the summer can the program help with the costs of off-campus living?
No, the cost of room & board are specific to the UT dormitory.
- 8) Am I required to live in the dormitory for the duration of the 8 week program?
Participants are expected to live in the dormitory. It is a dynamic part of the cohort learning experience for this program. If you are a current UT student and already have living arrangements, you may opt out. There is no financial compensation for alternative housing.
- 9) Am I required to participate in the professional conference?
Participants are strongly encouraged to attend and present at a specified professional conference. Students will receive a travel and stipend for presenting their paper at the professional conference.
- 10) Who is a good candidate for this research program?
This program is specifically geared toward students with junior standing who are seriously considering graduate school in the social sciences.