



# Summer Research

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# The Earlier the better

- ▶ Joining a lab
  - Earlier start to research
  - Learn transferable skills that make it easier to do summer research in current lab or different lab at current school or one at another school.
- ▶ Sophomore summer if possible
  - Gives you a chance to do summer research for multiple years.
  - Build your CV sooner.

# Conducting summer research

- ▶ In the lab:
  - 20-40hrs a week
  - Designing, implementing, and analyzing research
  
- ▶ Out of the lab:
  - 7-15hrs a week
  - Literature reviews, attending seminars, and miscellaneous tasks specific to each project

# Seminars/Workshops



- ▶ Research Methods
- ▶ Academic/Scholarly Writing
- ▶ Presentation
- ▶ Resume/CV Development
- ▶ Funding Graduate School
- ▶ GRE Class
- ▶ Writing Personal Statements

# Benefits

- ▶ Transferrable skills that prepare you for grad school:
  - Seeing a research project through from inception to completion.
  - Learn basics of conducting research in your field.
  - Seeing if research is for you or not.
  - Getting a letter of recommendation.
  - Building your CV.
  - If not already in a lab could help you get into one or a second one.
  - Could help lead you to conduct an honors thesis in the future.
  - Stipend- ~2,700-3,000 (depends on program/school).

# My Story

- ▶ Started research summer of my Sophomore year through McNair.
- ▶ Allowed me to join a lab more closely aligned to what I want to pursue in graduate school.
- ▶ Allowed me to conduct an honors thesis my junior year.
- ▶ Allowed me to become lab coordinator of one of my labs.
- ▶ Allowed me to present my research all over the country.
- ▶ Allowed me to meet professors and students from programs that I'm applying to for graduate school.
- ▶ The seminars provided me the information on how to not only get into graduate school but also how to succeed once there.