

Finding a Summer Research Experience Off-Campus:

1. Swarthmore Career Services Hosts a Site with Summer Research Opportunities:

Start at: <http://www.swarthmore.edu/student-life/career-services/for-students/externships-and-internships/summer-research-opportunities.xml#disciplinary>

Also check out Handshake/UCAN which is an internship and job database managed by Swarthmore <http://www.swarthmore.edu/career-services/swatcareers>

2. NSF (Research Experience for Undergraduates) REU programs: <http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/>

Text from that site: *"NSF funds a large number of research opportunities for undergraduate students through its REU Sites program. An REU Site consists of a group of ten or so undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, where he/she works closely with the faculty and other researchers. Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel. Undergraduate students supported with NSF funds must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. An REU Site may be at either a US or foreign location."*

3. For those potentially interested in teaching in STEM fields after graduation

Start at: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/career-services/education-resources>

At the bottom of this page there is a section on Summer Internships.

4. Hints for Application Writing:

- Do a **complete** search to find programs early. **Carefully read** the program guidelines.
- Start writing the application **several weeks prior to the deadline**.
- Have at least two people **proofread** your application materials.
- **Give your reference letter writers plenty of time to write their letters**. Provide them with information that can help them write a strong letter. Explain to them why you are applying and why certain programs are a good fit for your long term plans.