



**UM Researchers
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Seeks Research Partners for
2009-2010**

Would you like help getting a new project started or expediting a project currently in progress? Do you have a project you put on hold because you needed a research assistant to do some background research? Would you like to introduce and recruit new students to your field?

I would like to invite you to join the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) as a research partner for bright and enthusiastic undergraduate students. We are now recruiting research partners for the 2009-2010 academic years. Research sponsors can be faculty, research scientists and postdoctoral scholars. To date, we have received over 1400 applications from students interested in working on a research project. If you are interested in involving a student in your research project, scholarship, or creative activities, we encourage you to read more about the program and complete our on-line one page application which can be found at:

<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/urop/sponsors/listing>

Our application asks you to provide a brief description of the overall project, (goals and objectives and methodology), what tasks you want the student to do, minimum qualifications, number of hours per week, and contact information for setting up interviews in the fall.

UROP Program Features

1. UROP is open to first and second year students and while they require training many of our UROP students work on the same project throughout their academic careers at the University of Michigan making this a long term investment. **In September you will have the opportunity to interview and select the students you wish to invite into your project after reviewing a copy of the student's resume.**
2. Students participate in the program the entire academic year from late September-May so you benefit from the initial training you must provide.
3. UROP provides research skill building workshops including Matlab, Invivo, GIS, Endnote, SPSS, STATA, Refworks, Research Integrity and Responsibility, Keeping a Lab Notebook, Advanced Excel, Animal Handling, Keeping a Laboratory Notebook, OSEH Safety, etc.
4. Supplementary research funding of \$500-800 per student is available to cover research related costs.
5. UROP students participate in the program for academic credit or work-study support. If the student participates for work-study, UROP pays student wages, if applicable, and manages all paperwork.

6. All UROP students are assigned a peer advisor who is a former UROP participant. Our peer advisors provide an important link between you and your student if problems arise and also help orient the student to faculty expectations for a research assistant.
7. You provide 6-12 hours of work per week, supervise the student's progress and assign a grade each term.
8. Daily supervision can also be done by graduate students and other members of your research team along with contact with you either through research team meetings or other regularly scheduled meetings.
9. UROP students can apply for summer research fellowships that enable the student to spend 10 weeks conducting part or full-time research. Applications are due early February and require a student written proposal.

Included in these materials is a sample project list to get you thinking about the ways in which a UROP student could participate in and assist you with your research. Please contact me if you have questions about the program or would like to speak to a UROP research sponsor from your department. **The application deadline is August 1, 2009.**