

Aquatic Ecology & Fisheries Management Research Experience for Undergraduates

Program to Enhance Access to Aquatic Sciences

Summer 2025

Application Essay Questions

Below are the long-form essay questions on the REU application. Use this list to help you prepare your answers so that you may more easily enter them into the online application form. Note that all questions have a 2000 character limit.

- Why are you interested in (or what attracted you to apply to) this REU? Please discuss how this REU fits into your long-term career or educational goals.
- **WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:** If you have been working or volunteering while in school, please tell us more about your experience. We are hoping to gain an understanding of the full breadth of your work experience, not just work related to research or science. For example: Where do you work/volunteer? How many hours per week? What skills do you believe you have developed? Include any other information you find pertinent.
- **PERSEVERANCE:** Describe a time when you faced a difficult academic challenge or personal hurdle that you successfully navigated. What was the challenge and how did you handle it?
- **RESEARCH:** If you have had any experience(s) with research (in class, in a lab, or at work), please share them here. What was particularly interesting to you? What did you learn? If you have not had research experience, what excites you about research or this REU?
- **LEADERSHIP:** Tell us about any leadership roles you have held in your community, workplace, religious institution, or other organization. Were there any accomplishments related to this experience that you are proud of?
- **SERVICE:** Can you share any service experiences you have had in your community, workplace, religious institution, or other organization? Were there any accomplishments related to this experience that you are proud of?

We realize you are more than the sum of the information from the questions above, so you will also have a space to share anything else about yourself that you think will help us better understand the information you provide, better understand who you are, or better highlight your fit for this REU.

You will also be asked to list all college-level math, science, statistics, and programming courses in which you earned a C or better. Additionally, you will be required to upload a copy of your resumé or curriculum vitae and to provide the name and contact information of at least one and not more than two references.

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