What is “REU”? 

The Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation.

REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program like (detection of gravitational radiation).

An REU site consists of a group of ten or so undergrads who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with the specific project, where he/she works closely with faculty and other stakeholders.

Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, additional aid for housing and travel.
Why should I consider “REU”?

To best prepare undergraduates for a successful transition into graduate school or professional positions all students should consider the following benefits:

- Students will get to know faculty outside the classroom
- Gain new knowledge
- Participate in cutting-edge projects
- Develop skills for career preparation
- Gain valuable experience
- Learn to work in a team-oriented environment
- Practice critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Interact with graduates and undergraduates outside the classroom
- Help find real-world solutions

How do I earn “REU”?

1. Search REU opportunities.
2. Update your resume or curriculum vitae.
3. Create a strong personal statement.
4. Request meaningful recommendation letters from faculty & staff.
5. Apply to multiple REU’s. The more the merrier.

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