

VERMONT GENETICS NETWORK (VGN)
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH SUPPORT 2020

Application due by web submission on February 18, 2020 by 4:00 PM EST

Student Summer Research Support applications are submitted online via the VGN website (<http://vgn.uvm.edu/funding>). Students will need to create an account to apply. If a new account is being created, a confirmation email will be sent before the student can proceed with the application. Please note that the confirmation email will only be sent during regular VGN business hours, which are Monday-Friday from 8:30AM-4:30PM. Students that have been previously funded by VGN or who have applied for VGN funding can click a link on the application site to have their login information emailed to them.

Application progress cannot be saved, or edited once submitted.

The VGN **2020 Undergraduate Summer Research Support** is for students who attended the ABRCMS conference and wish to work with faculty at the University of Vermont. Women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Internship dates and location

Students will conduct research from Thursday, May 28-Friday, August 7, 2020.

Students will be placed in a research lab at the University of Vermont (Burlington, VT).

Internship Benefits

The students will be employees of Norwich University and will receive a gross salary of up to \$4,348, minus mandatory fringe benefits. The lab in which the student is placed will also receive an additional \$1,000 to use for lab supplies or conference travel for the individual. Dormitory housing (single room in a shared suite) at the University of Vermont will be provided. Students will be awarded up to \$1,000 for travel funds to and from Vermont for the summer research and up to an additional \$1,000 to return for the VGN Career Day event in April 2021.

The online application consists of the following:

1. A statement of purpose (up to 500 words) that addresses:
 - a. Student's interest in a biomedical research opportunity
 - b. Student's future career plans
2. Resume/Curriculum vitae (highlighting any prior research experience, if applicable)
3. Unofficial transcript(s)
4. Desired research institution (UVM in this case)
5. Contact information (email address and phone number) for one faculty member who will provide a letter of recommendation. The faculty member will receive an email from VGN with instructions for submitting the reference. The letter must be received by vgn@uvm.edu by the application due date (February 18, 2020).

As part of the selection process, students will be required to have a conversation (via telephone or videoconferencing) with their lab mentor before being offered the internship.

Obligations that come with funding:

- Students must be enrolled as undergraduates (at any institution) in Fall 2020.
- Students will conduct research from May 28-August 7, 2020.
- Lab supply/conference travel funds must be expended by August 31, 2020.
- Students will participate in time and effort reporting, and annual and long-term career tracking, as required by the NIH.
- Students will attend and present at the VGN Career Day in April 2021.

Questions?

E-mail: vgn@uvm.edu

Or call: (802) 656-0028 (Dr. Tabitha Finch)