

**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.

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The VGN **2020 Undergraduate Summer Research Support** is for students who wish to work outside their home institution. Women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Undergraduate students from the following institutions are eligible to apply:

- Castleton University
- Community College of Vermont
- Middlebury College
- Northern Vermont University (Johnson and Lyndon campuses)
- Norwich University
- Saint Michael's College

**Internship dates and locations**

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

Students may choose to do an internship at the following locations. Please see the VGN website (<http://vgn.uvm.edu/funding>) for descriptions of specific opportunities:

- Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Colchester, VT campus)\*
- Bia Diagnostics (Colchester, VT)\*
- Delaware State University (Dover, DE)\*\*
- White River Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center (White River Junction, VT)\*\*\*

\*Students placed at these locations will be offered VGN-funded dormitory housing (single room in a shared suite) at the University of Vermont (Burlington, VT). Public transportation is available or the student will need access to a personal vehicle for the internship period.

\*\*Students placed at Delaware State University (DSU) will be offered program funded dormitory housing at DSU and will be awarded up to \$1,000 for travel funds to and from Delaware. In addition to the VGN funding obligations, students will be required to follow DSU's requirements.

\*\*\*VGN does not provide housing for any student placed at this location. The student will need to have access to private accommodation and transportation for the internship period. Funding of up to \$1,000 will be available for mileage reimbursement.

## **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 (except for students working at DSU). Housing provisions are as described above.

Interested applicants must notify the appropriate institutional coordinator listed below of their intent to apply:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Email</b>
Castleton University	Dr. Andrew Vermilyea	andrew.vermilyea@castleton.edu
Northern Vermont University (Johnson and Lyndon campuses)	Dr. Elizabeth Dolci	elizabeth.dolci@northernvermont.edu
Norwich University	Dr. Darlene Olsen	dolsen1@norwich.edu
Middlebury University	Dr. Robert Cluss	rclus@middlebury.edu
St. Michael's College	Dr. Mark Lubkowitz	mlubkowitz@smcvt.edu
Community College of Vermont	Ryan Joy	ryan.joy@ccv.edu

## **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
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 (in person or 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)