

Office of Undergraduate Research in STEM + Graduate Opportunities
OURS+GO

Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)
Internal Funding Program

I – SURE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The College of Engineering & Science Office of Undergraduate Research in STEM + Graduate Opportunities (OURS+GO) is pleased to accept applications for the Internal Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program for Summer 2026.

This program is intended to provide summer research support for undergraduate students who are exploring or interested in research-oriented or graduate-level career paths.

Students supported through SURE may not receive simultaneous compensation for the same research effort from other internal or external funding sources.

SURE Student Fellow Stipend: \$2,500

SURE Research Mentor Stipend: \$500 (to faculty FGIP account)

SURE Duration: 8 weeks part time (20-32 hrs. per week)

Research is to be completed between May and August.

Student Application Deadline: March 2, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

Faculty Endorsement Deadline: March 16, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

Applicant Notification: Early April, 2026

Applicant finalists may be interviewed.

II – ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from full-time undergraduate students in the College of Engineering & Science who are ***interested in gaining sustained research experience and exploring research-focused or graduate-level career pathways***. Each student may submit only **one SURE application per cycle**, regardless of the number of faculty mentors or project ideas. Multiple applications from the same student will not be reviewed.

For Engineering and Computer Science students, SURE participation counts as one co-op credit, and students must register for the required co-op course.

III – SURE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- At the conclusion of the experience, SURE Fellows will submit a **30-second video** summarizing their Summer 2026 research or presenting a “**day in the life**” of their research experience for a non-technical audience.
- SURE Fellows and mentors will submit a **certificate of completion for CITI Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)** training before summer research begins. Valid certificates include those completed since **March 2022**.
- SURE Fellows and mentors will submit a **certificate of completion for CITI Lab Safety training**, if applicable, prior to the start of summer research.
- SURE faculty mentors are required to participate in a **mentor training workshop** prior to the summer research experience.
- Faculty mentors are required to use the **OURS+GO Individual Development Plan (IDP)** with SURE Fellows and to **consider** establishing a **mentoring compact** to **clarify goals, expectations, and communication**.
- SURE Fellows and faculty mentors are required to participate in **pre- and post-experience evaluations**.
- SURE Fellows are encouraged, when scheduling permits, to present their work at the **College of Engineering & Science Research Symposium** during the **Fall 2026** term.
- SURE Fellows are required to present at the **Celebration of Scholarly Achievement** during the **Winter 2026** term.

IV – SURE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Each student’s application will include the following:

- Student information
- Student resume
- Summary of summer research project
- Summary of student’s career plans
- Faculty confirmation of student’s research plan and intention to provide active mentorship

STUDENT Application – Due on March 2, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

FACULTY Confirmation and Commitment – Due on March 16, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

Please contact Sarah James at jamesa@udmercy.edu with questions.