EPFL Summer Research Program

Making a career-defining difference in young people’s lives

Offers talented undergraduate students worldwide a unique independent research experience combining biology with engineering and computer sciences

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The EPFL School of Life Sciences Summer Research Program offers highly motivated undergraduate/1st year master’s students eight weeks of intensive research training with a focus on interdisciplinary approaches to biological questions.

Since 2006, more than 300 international undergraduate students have benefited from a unique experience of being part of the vibrant scientific community of one of Europe’s leading universities – the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). The positive feedback of those alumni spell out the long-term impact on their career, high quality of research experience and memories of Switzerland.
Learning objectives for students

• Gain 8 weeks of lab experience in one of the 48 laboratories of EPFL School of Life Sciences
• Expand insights into cutting-edge research through seminars given by internationally renowned scientists
• Sharpen oral and written communication skills through workshops
• Facilitate reflection on career planning by workshops and mentoring by faculty and scientific staff
• Foster collaboration, networking and social integration with team building and social activities in the dynamic and beautiful area of Lake Geneva

Features of the program

• 8-week internship - 320 hours of lab work
• CHF 5’100 stipend for travel expense, living and housing, laboratory material costs
• Majority of travel to and from Switzerland covered
• Mentored, cutting-edge research guided by leading scientists
• 17+ hours of workshops, seminars and symposia
• 20+ hours of organized social and networking activities
• Countless hours of unforgettable memories

Selective eligibility criteria

• Must be enrolled having completed two years of an undergraduate program in biology, bio-physics, chemistry, bio-engineering, bio-informatics, quantitative biology or similar
• Have a minimum of GPA equivalent to a 3.75/4.0 grade or higher
• Show strong interest in pursuing a career in life sciences
• Based on these criteria, our faculty will select 25 students from more than 600 applications
Your support for the EPFL School of Life Sciences Summer Research Program will make a true difference for our outstanding future scientists and enable us to continue to share our passion for excellence in research and our culture of innovation with those students.

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