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CURE: Week 7 meeting





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Funding options

- Scholarships
- Summer Research Programs
- External Grants
- Work Study
- Lab Funds
- Travel Grants

Scholarships and Academic Year Programs

- CARE - Educationally or socio-economically disadvantaged students earn quarterly scholarships
 - Created for students with little to no research experience!
- Clare Boothe Luce - Women in engineering/physical sciences
 - Fall of your 3rd Year
- MARC - Underrepresented groups
 - 3rd or 4th Years (unit-wise)
 - 2 year program
- I2URP - Journal club and research funding
 - Fall of your 3rd Year

Scholarships and Academic Year Programs

- UC LEADS - Underrepresented groups or those with a commitment to serving Underrepresented groups in the physical sciences
 - 2nd or 3rd Years
 - 2 year program
- URFP - Any student, funding for winter and spring
 - Includes a classroom component
- URSP - Funding for the academic year
 - 3rd and 4th Years
- Honors Program Scholarships

Most found through the URC!

Summer Research Programs

- Amgen
- CARE-SEM
- BISEP
- Departmental programs (Biomedical Research, Neuroscholars, etc.)

Work Study

- A form of need-based financial aid where your work is paid both by your supervisor and the university
- While this might be an attractive idea, some work study students aren't performing actual research
- Find positions by [my.ucla](#) - finances and jobs - [bruinview](#)

Lab Funds (aka asking nicely)

- Depends on PI, number of undergrads, history of research, grant money
- Easier to ask in the summer, if working full time
- Can't mix payment with SRP

External Grants

- NSF REU - often offsite, spans a wide variety of fields
- Many different summer programs, study abroad, internships
- Look more in-depth to specific field

Travel Grants

- URC- \$300 refund to a conference (must be presenting)



Research and Travel

- Wildlands Studies
 - Research will be directed by a mentor but the project is something you select
 - Locations: Belize, Banff, Yellowstone, Big Sur, Channel Islands
 - Wet tropical rain forests, coral reefs, deserts
 - Open to all majors during the summer!
 - www.wildlandsstudies.com
- There are many programs during the summer (usually away from the city)

External Funding Sources

- Submit an abstract/proposal
 - [The National Science Foundation](#) (NSF) (science, engineering, and education);
 - [The National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH) (health related projects in science and engineering);
 - [The Department of Energy](#) (DOE) (energy-related research); and
 - [The National Aerospace Agency](#) (NASA) (research related to aerospace science and engineering)

Private Funding

- Examples:
 - [Honda](#) (e.g., fuel cells and robotics);
 - [DuPont](#); (e.g., polymer science broadly defined); and
 - [L'Oreal](#) (personal care products)
 - [Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#) (HHMI)
- Be careful about bias (understand the ethics of skewing your data and the private company's interests)

Professional Organizations

- Apply for the one that fits your demographic (less competitive):
 - [Sigma Xi](#);
 - [The American Association of University Women \(AAUW\)](#); and
 - [The American Cancer Society](#)