

# Optimizing NIH Efforts to Engage Pre-college Students in Biomedical Science

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# The NIH Mission

“NIH’s mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.”

- to develop, maintain, and renew scientific human and physical resources that will ensure the Nation's capability to prevent disease
  - In STEM education NIH is primarily focused on workforce development

# Leveraging the NIH investment in people and infrastructure for STEM education

- NIH supports more than 300,000 research personnel at over 2,500 universities and research institutions in every state, Puerto Rico and DC
- In addition, about 6,000 scientists work in NIH's own Intramural Research laboratories (six campuses in MD, NC, AZ, MT)
- No other agency has these unique resources to leverage for STEM
- How do we use them?

# Department of Health and Human Services

## Part 1. Overview Information

<b>Participating Organization(s)</b>	National Institutes of Health ( <a href="#">NIH</a> )
<b>Components of Participating Organizations</b>	<a href="#">National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)</a> <a href="#">National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)</a> <a href="#">Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)</a> <a href="#">National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)</a> <a href="#">National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)</a> <a href="#">National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)</a> <a href="#">National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)</a> <a href="#">National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)</a>
<b>Funding Opportunity Title</b>	<b>NIH Summer Research Experience Programs (R25)</b>
<b>Activity Code</b>	<a href="#">R25</a> Education Projects
<b>Announcement Type</b>	Reissue of <a href="#">PAR-11-</a> <b>R25</b>
<b>Related Notices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">June 4, 2014</a> are essential</li> <li>• <a href="#">May 30, 2013</a> Dates on or a September 2</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number</b>	<b>PAR-13-104</b>
<b>Companion Funding Opportunity</b>	None
<b>Number of Applications</b>	See <a href="#">Section III. 3. Ad</a>
<b>Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number(s)</b>	93.113, 93.121, 93.2
<b>Funding Opportunity Purpose</b>	The purpose of the N Program*) is to provide science teachers during the summer academic break. The NIH expects that such programs will: help attract

- 8 - 15 weeks
- S/F up to \$5,000 per high school student, up to \$6,000 per college student, and up to \$21,000 per teacher
- \$1000 training expenses
- 8 Institutes
- 38 active awards in FY14
- 25 states
- Total cost \$7,882,804

# Discovery to Cure

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## Discovery to Cure Internship Program



The Discovery to Cure Internship Program was established in 2003 by Dr. Gil Mor, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, with the goal of exposing students from local schools to Yale's biomedical laboratories to open their minds to pursue career opportunities in science and medicine. The initial program enrolled four students from two local high schools with the participation of two laboratories at the Department of Obstetrics Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Since then, the program has grown to include over 35 schools from throughout the country as well as internationally. The program now includes undergraduates and teachers. The program is highly competitive (less than 12% acceptance) and since its inception a total of over 260 high school students, undergraduates and high school teachers have successfully completed the Program. Several interns have presented their research work at science fairs, including the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at UCONN, the National JSHS, Pfizer Life Science Award, Connecticut State Science Fair, International Science and Engineering Fair and the Siemens Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition, achieving semifinalist, finalist and first place status. Approximately 20% of the students have published their findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

The Discovery to Cure Internship Program is now a NIH supported program (NOH 1R25HD072591-01)

For more information please click on the link below

### DTC High School Internship Program

schools that have never had an intern in the program. Contact the Program Administrator JoAnn Bilyard at: joann.bilyard@yale.edu

### DTC Undergraduate Internship Program

All undergraduates interested in applying to the program should contact the Program Coordinator Paulomi Aldo at: paula.bole@yale.edu

### DTC High School Teacher Internship Program

All teachers interested in applying to the DTC Teacher Internship please contact the Program Administrator JoAnn Bilyard

## R25HD072591 HICHD

- 260 HS students, HS teachers, undergrads over 9 years
- 25 slots/year, 12% acceptance rate
- 20% have published in peer-reviewed journals



2012 Fellows

## About SPUR/SPUR-DAN

Program Dates: June - August, 2014

Application Deadline: February 1 (Annually), 5pm EST

### RESEARCH

- Faculty Researchers
- Core Facilities
- Support and Services
- Federal Funding

### Undergraduate Training

- SPUR Research Tracks
- How to Apply to SPUR

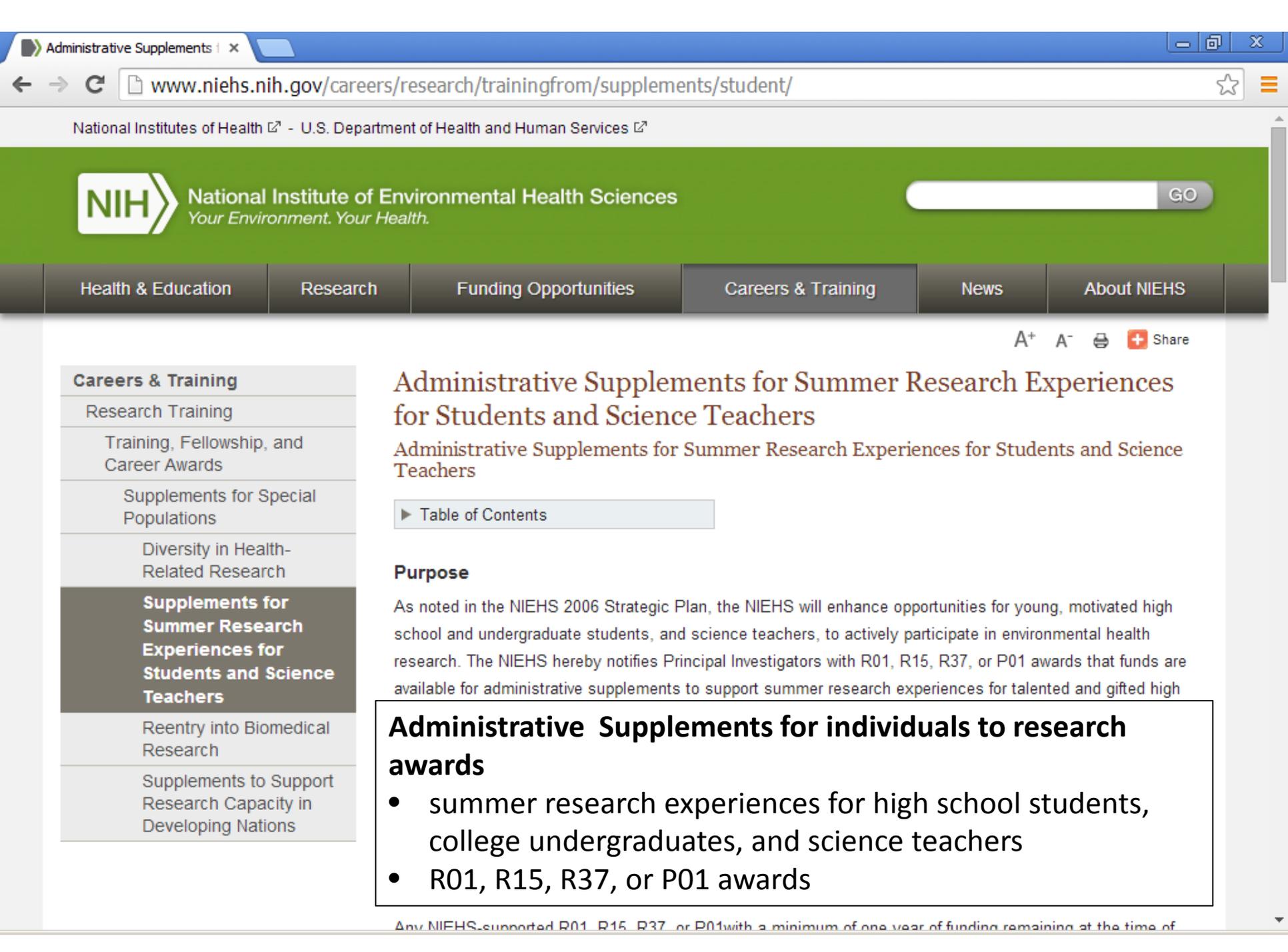


The CTBR's Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) is an 8-week program that gives undergraduates hands-on experience in one of 53 research laboratories at Hunter College, CUNY in NYC. Our goal is to train and encourage undergraduate students to pursue graduate study in biological research, and in drug abuse/addiction and neuroscience.

The SPUR program is now supported by the [Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) through a grant. NIDA's mission is to lead the nation's scientific research on prevention, treatment, and consequences of drug addiction. This funding enables us to offer a specialized research track in drug abuse/addiction and neuroscience, in addition to our general biomedical research opportunities. For more information about research opportunities on these two tracks, [click here](#).

**R25 DA032520 NIDA**  
 160 undergraduate since 1994 outcomes

- 8 in Ph.D. programs
- 5 in M.D. programs
- 2 received MS
- 1 MPH



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## Administrative Supplements for Summer Research Experiences for Students and Science Teachers

Administrative Supplements for Summer Research Experiences for Students and Science Teachers

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### Purpose

As noted in the NIEHS 2006 Strategic Plan, the NIEHS will enhance opportunities for young, motivated high school and undergraduate students, and science teachers, to actively participate in environmental health research. The NIEHS hereby notifies Principal Investigators with R01, R15, R37, or P01 awards that funds are available for administrative supplements to support summer research experiences for talented and gifted high

### Administrative Supplements for individuals to research awards

- summer research experiences for high school students, college undergraduates, and science teachers
- R01, R15, R37, or P01 awards



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# Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research for High School Students

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This supplement enables principal investigators to support high school students in their projects. Priority areas include underserved and ethnic groups, individuals from underserved areas, and underserved groups in biomedicine, such as African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Hispanic/Latino Americans.

The research activity proposed by the student should be encouraged and supported.

The purpose of this program is to support research in various aspects of health-related research, including nursing and social sciences. Students are supported during the period of support to conduct time research effort each year during the school year. Principal Investigator must be on a research program (i.e., equivalent to two years of research).

More than one high school researcher can be supported (P01), or contract.

**PA-12-149**

**Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp)**

- 26 ICs and Offices
- Very flexible
  - 42 mechanisms
  - HS student, undergrads, grad, post docs, teachers

**Research Supplements to Promote Diversity Web links:**

[Program Announcement \(PA-12-149\) for Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp\)](#)



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## Division of Comparative Medicine

ORIP's **Division of Comparative Medicine** helps meet the needs of biomedical researchers for high-quality, disease-free animals and specialized animal research facilities. The Division supports both individuals and research organizations.

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### SELECTED SUPPORTED SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES:

IL-1 signaling to enhance secretion of modulators of inflammation and immunity (PGE2, TSG6, and STC1) Stem Cells. 2013; 31(11):2443-56. PMC3834191

demethylation and a blastocyst-like state in ES cells

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ION@Yerkes Accepting Applications; Summer 2014 Program Open to High School Students and Middle and High School Teachers

January 23, 2014

Media Contacts

Lisa Newbern, 404-727-7709, lisa.newbern@emory.edu

The Yerkes National Primate Research Center with the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience (ION)@Yerkes, are looking for highly motivated high school students and high school teachers.

The program, which will begin in June...

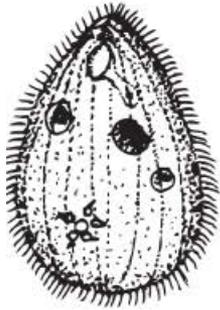
Week one - Scholars will participate in lectures, tours of the Yerkes National Primate Research Center, and hands-on activities. Scholarships will cover art research techniques and participation in scientific ethics training.

Next seven weeks - Scholars will conduct mentored research...

mentored research may take place at Yerkes, Emory University, Georgia State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology or Morehouse College. Teacher Scholars will be

P51 National Primate Research Center

- Participants: The Yerkes Center, Emory University, Georgia State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology and Morehouse College
- 10 high school students/year
- 3-4 middle or high school science teachers/year
- Institutionally supported



## ASSET:

ADVANCING SECONDARY SCIENCE  
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**P40 Resource Center for Tetrahymena thermophila**

**R25 Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA)**

- Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine



- Self-contained biology teaching modules for use in high school and middle school
- Modules utilize live cultures of *Tetrahymena thermophila*, a safe, easy to grow protozoan
- Hands-on, inquiry-based approach designed to address core biological concepts
- Multi-tiered for use in middle or high school classes
- Summer teacher workshop

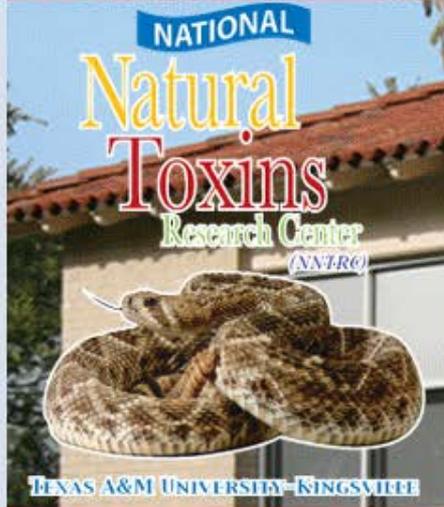


Yesterday we did our first Tetrahymena experiment by feeding them India Ink particles to observe food vacuole formation over a period of time. Today we analyzed the data and brainstormed other ways to test food vacuole formation.



### [Groton NY Science Fair 2011](#)

Three students from Mr. DeVoe's 7th Grade Life Sciences class designed an experiment utilizing *Tetrahymena thermophila* to study the effects of temperature on the feeding behavior of tetrahymena



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The University has had an active venom research program for almost 40 years, and on March 24, 2000, the Texas A&M University Board of Regents established the National Toxins Research Center.

### Mission

The National Natural Toxins Research Center focuses on the discovery of medically important toxins found in nature.

### Snake Venoms

**P40 Viper Resource Center - The National Natural Toxins Research Center**

- ORIP/DPCPSI
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- 2014 - Nine High School students
- DoEd Upward Bound Math & Science

# Student Training

- Purification and characterization of venoms:
  - High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
  - SDS Electrophoresis
  - Electrophoretic Titration
- Various activity assays:
  - Hemorrhagic
  - Proteolytic
  - Coagulation
  - Fibrinolytic
  - Aggregation
- Cloning from cDNA libraries for disintegrin molecules
- Tissue culture assays
  - Cell binding
  - Cell migration
- Creation of Research

## Viper Resource Center - The National Natural Toxins Research Center

## Student comments from the 2009 Summer Research Program at NNTRC

**Jennifer Allen:**

"Working at the NNTRC has allowed me the opportunity to learn lab techniques alongside several accomplished researchers and professors. Prior to joining the NNTRC, I did not have any research experience. I am now aware of how venom proteins may be able to cure or prevent illnesses."

**Tracey Alvarado:**

"I was able to learn about the different instruments used and how to apply these techniques to important biochemical research. This opportunity has opened my eyes to the career of doing biomedical research."

**Cody Bigelow:**

"I'm a sophomore in high school. Before attending this research program, I had no background in a research lab. Thanks to this program, I have learned about the different types of instruments that are used in the lab and how to use and apply them in different assays."

**Kelsi Gulick**

"I have learned many concepts in the field of Molecular Biology that correlates with medical research. After being so directly involved in medical research I have now gained a new respect for people who work so diligently to develop a new drug."



# NIH Intramural Summer Internship Program

- Eight+ week research experience at all levels
  - High School
  - College
  - Medical/Dental
  - Graduate (MS, PhD, PharmD, PsyD, etc)
- Many workshops and other educational opportunities
- Access to pre-graduate advising
- End-of-summer poster session
  
- ~ 1200 students each summer (25% HS students)
- ~1250 intramural labs with ~ 7,500 investigators and trainees

<http://www.training.nih.gov/student/sip/>

# Observations

- Leveraging the investment in people and research infrastructure is the unique contribution NIH can make in STEM
- There are many approaches
  - Group training programs
  - Individual supplements to existing research awards
  - Appropriate use of NIH-supported resources with co-funding
- It is widely done (but challenging to quantify)