

# **Tandon Undergraduate Summer Research Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who is eligible for this program?**

The Undergraduate Summer Research program is open to all NYU Tandon, NYU Abu Dhabi, NYU Shanghai, and NYU Dual Degree Program in Engineering (CAS/Tandon) students, and select non-NYU rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have a recommended minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. All applicants must be current students and cannot have graduated with their BS degree prior to the start of the program. Incoming first-year students are not eligible for the program.

Please note that NYU CAS students who are not part of the Dual Degree Program in Engineering are NOT eligible to apply. In addition, students enrolled in other NYU Schools (with the exception of NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai) are not eligible for this program.

Undergraduate students from other universities may apply for the program if they are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and they meet the GPA and class standing requirements above.

### **Can I still apply if I don't have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA?**

It is recommended that you have a minimum 3.0 CGPA, but you can still apply if your GPA is below this threshold. Ultimately, it will be up to the faculty and their research staff to select students for their projects.

### **When will I find out if I have been accepted into the program?**

There is no exact date that you will receive acceptance as the faculty members and their research staff are the ones that select the participants. Different research projects have different selection processes and as such, some faculty might take longer than others to make their decisions. For instance some faculty choose straight from the applications they receive while others hold formal interview processes. There will be rolling admittance notification starting in early March.

### **What about housing?**

The program does not provide housing or housing stipends unless you are in a special fellowship category (see below). All students are eligible to apply for summer on-campus housing online (<https://www.nyu.edu/summer/housing/>) however. It is recommended that you apply for housing even before you receive your acceptance decision. Once a housing decision is received, you should have received your program decision as well. Afterwards, you will be able to decide whether to make a housing deposit or not. Students can also look into off-campus housing instead of

living on-campus.

### **Does the program pay? How much?**

The Undergraduate Summer Research Program consists of many different moving parts, programs, and people. In this regard, people are compensated in different ways:

#### Thompson-Bartlett Fellows

The Thompson-Bartlett Fellowship is awarded to ten exceptional female student participants from NYU Tandon or the NYU Dual Degree Program in Engineering (CAS/Tandon). There is no additional application for this Fellowship. These students will receive a total stipend in the amount of \$6000 USD paid out on a bi-weekly basis throughout the full ten weeks of the Summer Research Program. No housing provided. Note that the payments from this stipend are taxable.

#### GLASS/Honors Program Fellows

The GLASS/Honors Program Fellowship is awarded to student participants in the Tandon GLASS Program and Tandon Honors Program. There is no additional application for this Fellowship. These students will receive a total stipend in the amount of \$6000 USD paid out on a bi-weekly basis throughout the full ten weeks of the Summer Research Program. GLASS/Honors Program Fellows will also receive free on-campus housing for the duration of the program. Note that payments from this stipend are taxable.

#### Future Labs IIIE Fellowship

Students who are placed at one of the NYU Tandon Future Labs for their summer research project will receive a total stipend in the amount of \$6000 USD paid out on a bi-weekly basis throughout the full ten weeks of the Summer Research Program. No housing provided. Note that payments from this stipend are taxable.

#### UGSRP Visiting Students Fellowship

Non-NYU domestic US students who are selected to participate in the Summer Research Program will receive a total stipend in the amount of \$5000 USD paid out on a bi-weekly basis throughout the full ten weeks of the Summer Research Program. In addition, these students will receive free on-campus housing for the duration of the program. Note that payments from this stipend are taxable.

#### NYU Tandon & NYU Dual Degree Program in Engineering (CAS/Tandon)

If you applied to this program through the official Summer Research Program application and are not selected as one of the Fellows listed above, you will receive a total stipend in the amount of \$5000 USD paid out on a bi-weekly basis throughout the full ten weeks of the Summer Research Program. No housing provided. Note that payments from this stipend are taxable.

## NYU Shanghai

Due to current restrictions on paying students outside the US, NYU Shanghai students will not be able to receive funding from Tandon unless they are US citizens/permanent residents or they are performing research in person. NYUSH students who meet this eligibility criteria will receive a total stipend in the amount of \$5000 USD paid out on a bi-weekly basis throughout the full ten weeks of the Summer Research Program. No housing provided. Note that payments from this stipend are taxable.

If you are not eligible for funding from NYU Tandon and do not have your own funding for the program, you can still participate as a volunteer (see below).

## NYU Abu Dhabi

If you are an NYU Abu Dhabi student, you might be eligible for funding from NYUAD for the full 10-week program. Make sure to apply for the grant prior to the mid-March deadline. Please contact Farhana Goha ([farhana.goha@nyu.edu](mailto:farhana.goha@nyu.edu)) for more information. If you do not receive funding from NYUAD and do not have your own funding for the program, you can still participate as a volunteer (see below).

## Volunteers

Some students don't get selected to participate in the program through the application on a paid basis and choose to volunteer with faculty over the summer. Those students will work as volunteers and not receive monetary compensation for their work.

## **I'm an international student from NYUAD or NYU Shanghai. What do I do about an I-20?**

You should contact the international office at your respective campus, and they will guide you through the process. You are also welcome to contact the Office of Global Services here in NY through their online contact form or via telephone 212.998.4720 if you have questions, however.

## **I'm an international student from another university (not NYU). Am I eligible to apply?**

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you are eligible to apply for this program. Non U.S. citizens are ineligible to participate.

## **What is the work schedule like?**

Research mentors are in charge of determining work schedules for program participants. You are required to be available to work full-time (schedule determined by research mentors and will differ by department and faculty mentor). Some of this work might be able to be done in labs, classrooms, conference rooms, or libraries on-campus or at home via your computer (depending upon the subject area that you are doing research in and the stage in which your research project is at). Please contact your research mentor(s) upon selection for more details.

### **What else does the program require?**

Participants are required to enroll in the CP-UY 2340 UGSRP course and attend all mandatory events published on the official Summer Research Program calendar. Students will have access to the calendar and the course syllabus via NYU Classes at the beginning of the program and both will be gone over in detail during the Program Orientation. Students are also required to submit an abstract for the Abstract Booklet (published after the program finishes), create a research poster, as well as participate in poster sessions and/or presentation sessions. Failure to attend mandatory events or submit required work may result in reduction of stipend payments or a failing grade in the course.

### **How long is the program? Can I miss any days?**

The official program runs for ten weeks from the beginning of June to the middle of August. If you need to miss any research, you must inform your research mentor(s) to get permission and if you need to miss any events, you must inform the program coordinators within the Office of Undergraduate Academics in advance ([uga.engineering@nyu.edu](mailto:uga.engineering@nyu.edu)).

### **Can I take a summer course while doing research?**

It is expected for you to work all required hours with your research mentors during the ten weeks of the program. In this regard, you cannot take classes if they conflict with your research schedule. Different research mentors need students at different times so it might be a possibility for you to shift your schedule in order to complete a course so long as it does not conflict and if your research mentor allows it. Correspond with them in this regard prior to enrolling in the course. In addition, please note that you cannot enroll in another summer course if it conflicts with any of the meeting times for the CP-UY 2340 UGSRP course, which is required for all participants in the program.

### **Who should I contact with questions?**

With any questions about the research projects or the research schedule, please contact your research mentor. If you have questions about the program in general or the mandatory events or assignments, you should contact the Office of Undergraduate Academics ([uga.engineering@nyu.edu](mailto:uga.engineering@nyu.edu)).