

Beaudry Group Research Expectations for Undergraduate Students

Research experience can be thrilling, highly educational, fun, and is the single best way to improve your resume prior to applying for graduate school and employment. We believe that undergraduates can contribute to the lab in meaningful ways, and we enjoy having them as our colleagues. Every chemist was an undergraduate, and everyone learned from someone else. The faculty, postdocs, and graduate students in the lab understand that part of our job is to pass on what we've learned to our undergraduate colleagues. However, not everyone who wants a spot in our lab can be accommodated. Mentoring an undergrad takes a large commitment of time, money, space, and effort. In exchange for this, we require undergraduates interested in working with us to commit to a few guidelines. Undergraduates in our group are expected to:

1. Start research as sophomores or juniors and maintain an active presence in the lab for at least a year.
2. Be willing to apply for research funding with help from the group (URISC, HHMI, etc.).
3. Participate in group meetings, lab cleanup, and other group functions.
4. Have some interest or desire to go to graduate school in organic chemistry.
5. Actively work on your project for at least 20 hours per week (not the same as hours in the lab).
6. Write periodic reports of your progress.