

Department of Biological Sciences
2026 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Application
This application is for CURRENT undergraduate researchers

These fellowships support undergraduate researchers working with faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Applicants must have been doing research in the lab for one full semester or more by the time summer begins. Each awardee is expected to complete the equivalent of ten or more 40-hour weeks in the lab over the summer. The exact dates are decided by the student in conjunction with the faculty sponsor. During these weeks the awardees must not be out of town, must not be taking classes (including evening and weekend classes, *e.g.* a Pitt course or MCAT preparation class), and must not have other employment, fellowships, significant volunteering or other commitments. At the end of the summer, each student presents a research talk and writes a research report. The stipend is \$4000.

Current undergraduate researchers can apply for three named fellowships using this same application:

- **Samuel D. Colella Summer Fellowship:** Mr. Samuel D. Colella is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, BS in Business and Engineering, class of 1962. He is currently the director of a number of biotechnology companies and the Chairman of Syrrx Inc. The recipient will write a thank you letter to Mr. Colella. One Colella fellowship will be awarded.

- **Albert and Cynthia Chung Summer Fellowship.** Dr. Albert Chung is an emeritus professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. The recipient will write a thank you letter to the Chung family. One Chung fellowship will be awarded.

- **Norman H. Horowitz Summer Fellowship:** Dr. Norman H. Horowitz was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, B.S. in Biology, class of 1936. He established this award so that other undergraduate could have research experiences as he did. The recipient will write a thank you letter to the Horowitz family. Two Horowitz fellowships will be awarded for the summer 2025.

The application (see next page) requires two recommendation letters: one from your faculty research advisor (PI) and one from another letter writer who can comment on your science and/or research progress in college. Please check this link for further information on how to ask for a letter of recommendation: <https://careercentral.pitt.edu/resources/asking-faculty-for-a-letter-of-recommendation/>

PLEASE GIVE YOUR RECOMMENDERS NOTICE NOW THAT YOU INTEND TO APPLY.

Instructions and Dates:

The application consists of a written application and two letters of recommendation. Members of the Undergraduate Research Committee view the applications and letters.

Due date: Monday, March 10, 2026

Written application due

- Completed application and save file as a PDF as *lastname_firstname_app*. Application should be typed and reviewed for typographical and formatting errors.
- Undergraduate transcript in high resolution PDF saved as *lastname_firstname_transcript*. Check that the text is legible in your file.
- *Curriculum vita* (CV) saved as *lastname_firstname_CV*. See for information about CVs here:
<https://www.biology.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/assets/cv%20resume%20instructions%20and%20power%20verbs.pdf>
- Convert all documents to PDFs and upload here:
https://pitt.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8k5AAyrAo0dFtD8

Two letters of recommendation due

- One letter from your faculty research advisor (PI)
- One letter from another person who can comment on your science and/or research progress in college
- Ask your letter writers to save the file as *yourlastname_letterwriterlastname_letter*
- Upload letters here: https://pitt.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fYTqARdrMjne6O

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