Steps to Summer Research

Now!
*See back for URLs

Surf the web!
List 20 to 30 programs/places that interest you.
Read about requesting a letter of recommendation.

Next
Discuss your list with two faculty members in your department who know you. Ask their help in selecting the best 15 for you from your list. Also, ask if they would write your recommendation letters later.

October
Write your resume. Write a personal statement for one program (you can modify for each program as needed). Update/review your resume and personal statement with:
  a. The Career Center/Shriver Center
  b. The Writing Center
  c. If this is a SURF application, or if you choose, also review these materials with Dr. April Householder

November
Assemble letter of recommendation packets for your recommenders. Confirm that they have time to write good letters of recommendation for you.

December
COMPLETE APPLICATIONS!

January
Double check that everything is done. Remind recommenders about letters if needed.

March/April
Select your summer position. Tell your recommenders.

For more information, go to:
http://ur.umbc.edu/summer-research
Useful Links

1. Surf the Web! Research Opportunities -
   http://ur.umbc.edu/summer-research
   *many pay about $4,000 for a 10-week research assignment

2. Read about requesting a letter or recommendation -
   https://tinyurl.com/myk34kp

3. The Career Services Center -
   http://careers.umbc.edu/aboutus/

4. The Shriver Center -
   http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/

5. The Writing Center -
   http://lrc.umbc.edu/tutor/writing-center/

6. SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship) -
   http://ur.umbc.edu/summer-research/nist/surf-application-checklist/

7. “Read This” How to make the most of your new opportunity -
   https://tinyurl.com/n7erz42

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