Steps to Summer Research

*See back for URLs

**NOW**

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

**October**
Write your resume. Write a personal statement for one program (you can modify for each program as needed). Update your resume. Review your resume and personal statement with
- The Career Center/Shriver Center
- The Writing Center
- If this is a SURF application, or if you choose, also review these materials with Janet McGlynn

**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/](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
   [http://tinyurl.com/mkxfgk](http://tinyurl.com/mkxfgk)

3. The Career Services Center

4. The Shriver Center
   [http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/](http://shrivercenter.umbc.edu/)

5. The Writing Center
   [http://lrc.umbc.edu/tutoring/writing-center/](http://lrc.umbc.edu/tutoring/writing-center/)

6. SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship)
   [http://ur.umbc.edu/summer-research/nist/](http://ur.umbc.edu/summer-research/nist/)

7. “Read This” How to make the most of your new opportunity
   [http://tinyurl.com/m25ec6](http://tinyurl.com/m25ec6)

Special Research Opportunities in the Social Sciences and Humanities:

Leadership Alliance
[http://www.theleadershipalliance.org](http://www.theleadershipalliance.org)
Includes social science research opportunities

National Science Foundation, Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

University of California, Irvine's Research Opportunities Database
[http://www.urop.uci.edu](http://www.urop.uci.edu)
Provides many resources, including research internships, for students in arts, humanities and social sciences as well as science.

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