**Steps to Summer Research**

**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 Dr. April Householder ~ aprilh@umbc.edu

**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/](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
   Requesting information

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/tutoring/writing-center/

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

7. “Read This” How to make the most of your new opportunity
   Getting started

Special Research Opportunities in the Social Sciences and Humanities:

Leadership Alliance
http://www.theleadershipalliance.org
Includes social science research opportunities

National Science Foundation, Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program
http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.cfm?unitid=5054
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

University of California, Irvine's Research Opportunities Database
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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