

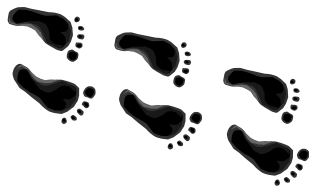
# Steps to Summer Research



**NOW**

## 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 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  
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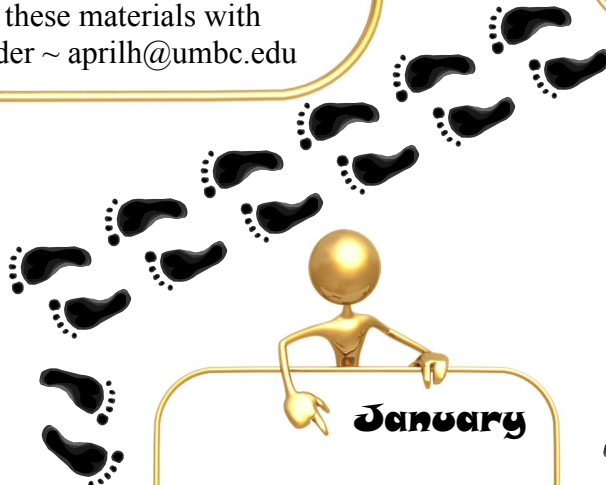
**November**

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

[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](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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