



# Summer Undergraduate Research Experience

Explore a future in scientific research alongside some of the nation's top scientists



## Key Dates

**Applications open:**  
November 17, 2025

**Applications close:**  
December 22, 2025

**Program dates:**  
June 15 – August 14, 2026

## Program Features

The 9-week HHMI Cech Fellows Program gives undergraduates the chance to contribute to real scientific discovery, gain professional mentorship, and explore potential careers in biological and biomedical research.

- Work full-time conducting hands-on research and contributing to ongoing projects in an HHMI lab
- Work closely with and be mentored by exceptional scientists
- Engage in a series of science talks and professional-development seminars
- Present your research and connect with peers at HHMI's Janelia Research Campus
- Receive a stipend to support summer travel, housing, and living expenses

## Eligibility

The program is open to:

- Rising juniors and rising seniors enrolled full time at an accredited US institution at the time of the program's start date
- Those with a strong interest in lab research — though no prior experience is required
- Those able to travel to the host lab in which they are matched and secure their own housing (the provided stipend may be used for these expenses)
- US citizens, nationals, permanent residents, visa holders, and others with lawful immigration status and valid work authorization through at least August 14, 2026

## Questions?

Please visit [bit.ly/CechFellows](https://bit.ly/CechFellows) and review the FAQ. For further assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [CechFellows@hhmi.org](mailto:CechFellows@hhmi.org).

**Note:** Participation in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Cech Fellows Program is a research experience for the student's own educational benefit. It is not an offer of employment.



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