# "The Ins & Outs of Finding Research as a Community College Student"

Tiffany Reardon, REUFinder

### Tiffany Reardon, My Professional Profile















### Tiffany Reardon, True Hollywood Story



Student Parent, First Gen College Student



**First Gen Professional** 



Sociologist in a Sea of STEM Folks



**Engineer by Osmosis** 





Imposter syndrome no more!!!



I know a thing or two about transfer students

#### A "One Stop Shop" for opportunities, advice, and funding!!!

**Scholarships** 

**REU's** 

**Conferences** 

REUFinder.com



#### **UC Davis Pre-Health Conference**



Saturday, October 5th

https://prehealthconference.ucdavis.edu/

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# Intro to Python Boot Camp for STEM Undergrads & Grad Students

In our FREE Intro to Python Boot Camp we will learn about various data types, data structures, built-in functions, and methods. We will learn how to define functions, use conditional statements, create for-loops, and plot. No prior coding experience needed, this is designed for beginners. Breaks are built in through the session.

Sat's Python 101

data types & structures

Sun's Python 102

functions, loops, and visualizations

supporters

Susan L.



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#### Sept. Python Boot Camp

101: Sat, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 102: Sun, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 1 pm PST <sub>each day</sub>



#### Oct. Python Boot Camp

101: Sat, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> & 102: Sun, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 1 pm PST each day

Sign-up Link

https://forms.gle/1g2rR5tAdALbPGp36

#### **Contact Info**

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Diana Lizarraga, Director #510.778.5165 (texts ok)

**FYI SAVE-THE-DATE:** 

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our virtual Intro to Data Science Workshop

Very Interested in Community College Students!!!

No Coding experience required!!!

Sign up Link

#### Who's Here? What's Your Major?

Astronomy Biology Chemistry **Computer Science Data Science** Engineering **Mathematics Physics** Pre Med **Pre Pharmacy** Pre Vet

"I'm keeping my options open" (Undecided)

### Where are you from?



Nor Cal
So Cal
Central Valley
Out of State

Outside the US

# Why do Research?

# Why Do Research as a Community College Student?

- Can strengthen your transfer applications
- Demonstrate interest in the major
- Demonstrate understanding of the applications of your major
- Build connections at your dream university

#### **Types of Programs**

**Summer Enrichment Programs** 

Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates Programs REU's

Academic Year Research(community college faculty/ Partnerships with local universities)

#### We speak in Acronyms

NSF REU NIH AAMC ABRCMS SACNAS



# Applying to Research Programs

#### Finding your Research Opportunities

#### **REUFinder**

https://reufinder.com/

**AAMC** 

https://www.aamc.org/

**NSF REU Search** 

http://www.nsf.gov

**Pathways to Science** 

pathwaystoscience.org/Undergrads.asp

Tip: Only apply to programs you are eligible or qualified for!

#### Terms you may encounter

- Rolling Admissions
- Rising Sophomores
   Rising Juniors
   Non-graduating Seniors
- PI (Principal Investigator)
- Students from institutions with limited research opportunities
- First Generation College Student

## What is the application process like?

Transcripts

• 2-3 Essays

Resume or CV

 Letters of Recommendation

#### **Letters of Recommendation**

YES!

STEM Faculty

Counselors

**MESA Directors** 

**STEM Center Directors** 

Supervisors/Managers

NO!

Friends or Family

Members

Classmates

#### **Letters of Recommendation**

Grades alone will not give you a strong letters of recommendation.



Office Hours
Participation
Connecting with People

#### **RESUME Vs CV**

Usually One Page

**Short & Sweet** 

**Summarizes Experience** 

CV

More in-depth

More Research Focused

Can be more than one

page

#### What to include on your Resume or CV

Education

**Courses Taken** 

Work Experience

**Projects** 

Leadership

Volunteer Experience

May include research

interests and hobbies

#### **Typical Essay Questions**

- Please explain why you wish to conduct summer research of the type offered by the program and how this relates to your overall interests and goals.
- Describe a major challenge (personal, professional, and/or engineering) you have encountered in your life, how you overcame it, and what you learned as a result of the experience.

#### **Tips for Successful Applications**

- If you have uncertainties, ask <u>before</u> you apply.
- Read FAQ's.
- Be sure that your schedule permits full participation in the program.
- Meet all deadlines, don't ask for extensions.
- Apply to more than one program.
- Verify that your application has been received.

# Where Can I Do Research?

#### Where will YOU do Research?

University

Hospital

**National Lab** 

Combo of Both





#### **SHPEP**

Dental

Medicine

**Nursing Pharmacy** 

**Physical Therapy** 

**Public Health** 

**Optometry** 

Freshmen or Sophomore

Minimum 2.5 GPA

Deadline February 5th

12 Sites throughout the US

https://www.shpep.org/



#### **SHPEP**

Academic enrichment in STEM Classes

Career development activities.

Learning and study skills workshops.

Exposure to clinical settings.

Workshops in financial planning and health policy.

Interprofessional education that addresses effective collaboration across health professions.

https://www.shpep.org/

#### NIH Community College Summer Enrichment Program (CCSEP)



#### National institutes of Health SIP Programs

NIH campus in Bethesda, MD. However, there some opportunities to be placed in Baltimore, MD; Frederick, MD; and NIEHS (Raleigh, NC).

Paid Program All Majors but students should have completed STEM/Health Related courses such as Bio, Chem and Math

https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/sip

#### National institutes of Health

High School SIP (HS-SIP)

Community College Summer Enrichment Program (CCSEP)

College Summer Opportunities to Advance Research (C-SOAR)

Amgen Scholars Program at NIH

https://www.training.nih.gov/



#### **Buck Summer Scholars Program**

Summer Scholar participants will conduct biomedical research to combat diseases of aging, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer, macular degeneration, heart disease, and diabetes.

The Program emphasizes both laboratory and communication skills training to develop well-rounded future scientists, healthcare professionals, and policy makers.

https://www.buckinstitute.org/

#### ToxMSDT at UC Davis

# TOXICOLOGY MENTORING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



Hybrid Program

This is a one-year toxicology mentoring and skills development training program.

Applications open in February

https://www.toxmsdt.com/

#### Pre Med Summer Programs

#### Stanford University

Canary Cancer Research Education Summer Training (CREST) Program

Stanford Summer Community College Premedical Program (SSCCPP)

**AMGEN Scholars Program** 

Science Technology and Reconstructive Surgery Program

#### Baylor College of Medicine

#### **Baylor University**



https://www.bcm.edu/

#### Johns Hopkins Summer Internship

The Summer Internship Program (SIP) provides experience in biomedical and/or public health research to students from a variety of backgrounds - including students from racial/ethnic groups underrepresented in science and medicine, students from low-income/underserved backgrounds, and students with disabilities. The program provides research exposure for those interested in potential careers in science, medicine and public health

https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/pathway/sip.html

#### Mayo Clinic

The Mayo Clinic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biomedical Engineering and Physiology
- Clinical and Translation Sciences
- Immunology
- Molecular Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
- Neuroscience
- Regenerative Sciences
- Virology and Experiments

https://college.mayo.edu/

#### Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

- Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP)
- Chemical Biology Summer Program (ChBSP)
- Computational Biology Summer Program (CBSP)
- Engineering Summer Program (ESP)
- Molecular Imaging Summer Program (MISP)
- Quantitative Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (QSURE)

https://www.mskcc.org/education



#### Let's keep in touch!

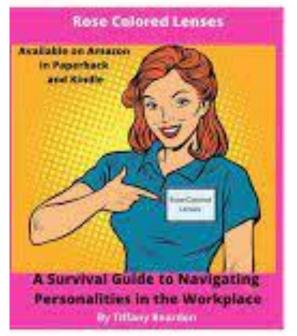






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