Summer Research

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The Earlier the better

Joining a lab
- Earlier start to research
- Learn transferable skills that make it easier to do summer research in current lab or different lab at current school or one at another school.

Sophomore summer if possible
- Gives you a chance to do summer research for multiple years.
- Build your CV sooner.
Conducting summer research

- **In the lab:**
  - 20-40hrs a week
  - Designing, implementing, and analyzing research

- **Out of the lab:**
  - 7-15hrs a week
  - Literature reviews, attending seminars, and miscellaneous tasks specific to each project
Seminars/Workshops

- Research Methods
- Academic/Scholarly Writing
- Presentation
- Resume/CV Development
- Funding Graduate School
- GRE Class
- Writing Personal Statements
Benefits

- Transferrable skills that prepare you for grad school:
  - Seeing a research project through from inception to completion.
  - Learn basics of conducting research in your field.
  - Seeing if research is for you or not.
  - Getting a letter of recommendation.
  - Building your CV.
  - If not already in a lab could help you get into one or a second one.
  - Could help lead you to conduct an honors thesis in the future.
  - Stipend- ~2,700-3,000 (depends on program/school).
My Story

- Started research summer of my Sophomore year through McNair.
- Allowed me to join a lab more closely aligned to what I want to pursue in graduate school.
- Allowed me to conduct an honors thesis my junior year.
- Allowed me to become lab coordinator of one of my labs.
- Allowed me to present my research all over the country.
- Allowed me to meet professors and students from programs that I’m applying to for graduate school.
- The seminars provided me the information on how to not only get into graduate school but also how to succeed once there.