

Berkeley Physics Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (BPURS)

The Berkeley Physics Undergraduate Research Scholars Program is designed to encourage Physics majors to engage in research. The Physics Department will award a stipend of \$500 each semester to several students involved in research with Physics faculty. **NOTE: The stipend will be awarded in the Spring after the Undergraduate Poster session.** Students need to apply, and Berkeley Physics Undergraduate Scholars will be selected for the program by a committee of Physics faculty, based on evaluation of the student's enthusiasm and record, quality of the project, and level of involvement of the professor.

The rules are simple!

- 1) Only declared and registered Physics majors are eligible.
- 2) A student must find a professor in the Physics Department who will act as sponsor. The professor and student should complete the application form and commit to a proposed deliverable. Students accepted into the program will be notified ASAP.
- 3) At the end of the semester, the professor will sign off if the deliverable is complete. **The deliverable must be submitted to 368 or 376 LeConte by the last day of finals, Friday 12/16/16.** The student must participate in the Undergraduate Poster session in the Spring. **The \$500 stipend will be awarded after the event.**
- 4) A poster must be presented at the Undergraduate Poster Session held in April of every year.

Students in this program will be called Berkeley Physics Undergraduate Research Scholars. Faculty will take their mentoring roles very seriously, and will only sign-on students who will be strongly engaged in Physics projects. A deliverable might be a research paper, authorship on a published paper, or a senior thesis.

Summer support is not available under this program, but faculty are encouraged to seek additional support for students, such as supplemental NSF support for undergraduates, LBNL summer support, salary support from federal grants, and URAP support from the campus.

Note: *This award may affect a recipient's financial aid. Please check with the Financial Aid Office, 211 Sproul Hall, for more information.*

Recipients who are international students will have federal income tax automatically deducted from their award. You must have a Glacier Account and SSN or ITIN.

Berkeley Physics Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (BPURS) Application

Student's Name: _____ SID: _____

I am a Physics Major: _____ Email: _____

Physics Faculty Sponsor: _____ Sponsor's Email: _____

Title of Research Project: _____

I am: ___ a U.S. Citizen ___ a Permanent Resident ___ an International Student

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Do you receive Financial Aid? ___ Yes* ___ No

*** If yes, please see Kathy Lee or Claudia Trujillo when submitting your application.
This award WILL affect your financial aid.**

To insure receipt of the stipend in April, it is strongly recommended that you sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer (direct deposit). Please go to: <http://eftstudent.berkeley.edu/> to enroll. Otherwise, stipend checks will be held for pick up at the Billing and Payment Services Office (120 Sproul). Checks are no longer mailed.

Attach a 1-2 page description of the project, including your specific responsibilities.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Physics Faculty Sponsor: _____ Date _____

Application Deadline

Friday, September 9, 2016

(turn your application in to 368 or 376 LeConte Hall)