

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**SROP**  
SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM



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**MSU-SROP**

: OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN GRADUATE STUDIES



The SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (SROP) is a gateway to graduate education at Michigan State University (MSU). The goal of the program is to increase the number of domestic undergraduate students who pursue graduate study and careers in teaching and research at colleges and universities. MSU-SROP helps prepare undergraduates for graduate study through intensive research experiences with faculty mentors, and other academic enrichment activities.

## MSU-SROP

helps undergraduate students gain research experience to give them a competitive advantage as a graduate applicant by:

- intense RESEARCH ACTIVITIES that broaden technical and presentation skills;
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS;
- SEMINARS that introduce students to a range of research fields across disciplinary lines;
- INFORMAL GATHERINGS that provide a forum for student and faculty exchange of ideas and perspectives;
- OPPORTUNITIES TO PRESENT research at a multi-university program symposium and in local research meetings.





MSU was founded in 1855 and is one of the top 100 research universities in the world and is a member of the Association of American Universities. MSU was the prototype for 69 land-grant institutions established under the Morrill Act of 1862 and was the first institution of higher learning to teach scientific agriculture. MSU offers more than 150 Master's and 100 Doctoral graduate programs in more than 80 departments and schools in 13 graduate degree-granting colleges.

MSU is an inclusive, academic community known for traditionally strong academic disciplines and professional programs. Its cross- and interdisciplinary enterprises connect the sciences, humanities, and professions in practical, sustainable, and innovative ways to address society's rapidly changing needs. Through the resources that MSU has to offer, MSU SRP gives undergraduate students an opportunity to conduct graduate-level research and get a feel for graduate study at MSU. MSU faculty, in turn, take the opportunity to consider visiting scholars as prospective graduate students and invite them to apply for graduate admission.

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## PROGRAM PURPOSE

- To involve undergraduate students in graduate-level research
- To provide a mentoring experience for undergraduate students with an MSU faculty member
- To prepare undergraduate students for the graduate school application process
- To motivate undergraduate students to pursue an academic career
- To recruit undergraduate students for graduate study at MSU

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- An opportunity to conduct research at one of the country's largest and most scenic academic research universities
- A generous stipend for the summer program
- Paid round-trip travel to/from East Lansing, Michigan
- Free room and board on the MSU campus
- Support for mentor's research expenses
- Close interaction with an MSU faculty mentor
- Opportunities to present research locally and regionally
- Participation in seminars and workshops on research skills development, the graduate school application process, and other areas for academic enrichment
- An opportunity to interact with successful role models who have earned advanced academic degrees
- An opportunity to network with current MSU graduate students and post-doctoral researchers

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled in a degree-granting program at a college/university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territory
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (0–4.0 scale)
  - Have completed at least 2 semesters of undergraduate education
    - Have at least 1 semester of undergraduate education remaining after completing MSU SRP
    - Demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing an academic career



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