SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES IN PLANT BIOLOGY AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
http://www.bio.umass.edu/plantbio/pbreu.html
June 8-August 2, 2003

Application Form

Please submit the following:
1) this Application Form (2 pages)
2) an official copy of your undergraduate transcript(s). Arrange to have your institution forward an official transcript directly to the Plant Biology Program and include an unofficial copy of your transcript(s) with your application materials.
3) an essay of 1-2 pages that describes
   a) your interests in biology and your career aspirations
   b) what you hope to gain from the program
4) two letters of recommendation (refer to the recommendation forms), preferably from faculty who are familiar with your academic or other work related to biology. Arrange to have the letters of recommendation sent directly to the Plant Biology Program by mail or e-mail.

Application materials should be sent to the following address:
Plant Biology REU Program
217 Morrill Science Center South
University of Massachusetts
611 N. Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA 01003-9297
Email: pb@bio.umass.edu.

Name:

Are you a [  ] US citizen or [  ] permanent resident? Note that only US citizens or permanent residents are eligible for this program.

Present academic standing (freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior):

Expected graduation date (month/year) and expected degree. Note, if you will have graduated by June 2003 you are not eligible for this program:

We will need to contact you before and after May 1.

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If you have questions about this program or the application, please contact Professor Jennifer Normanly, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UMass Amherst, 413-545-3422, normanly@biochem.umass.edu

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People that you have asked to write recommendations. Provide name, address, telephone, email address, and relationship to you (e.g., course instructor, independent study supervisor) for each:

1. 

2. 

Areas of interest in biology (list your top two choices with your first choice first): molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry, cell biology, physiology, systematics, ecology, evolution, no preference:

Academic history (please list all colleges or universities at which you have been enrolled):

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Any previous research experience (list each of the following types of experience that you may have had: field research in course, work-study position assisting with research, independent study project assisting with research, independent study project conducting your own research, oral or poster presentation of research results to a class, conference or meeting, undergraduate thesis, authorship on published abstract, authorship on published paper, other [please specify]):

Career plans:

How you learned about the program: web site, flyer, e-mail announcement, announcement in class, listing of internships, other (please specify):

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Expected benefits from the program (rank all of the following choices in order of their importance to you by putting "1" before the most important, "2" after the second most important, and so forth):

- added qualifications for career
- chance to decide what career to choose
- chance to experience another university or region
- interaction with faculty
- interaction with other students
- training in oral and written presentation
- training in scientific techniques

Ethnic background (please circle the categories that apply):
- Asian
- Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Native American
- African American
- Caucasian

Gender: 
male 
female 
Age: