

Department of Chemistry

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite your undergraduate students to apply to the **2010 Vanderbilt Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Chemical Biology** sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology (VICB). The objective of the REU program is to introduce students to the excitement and importance of research in chemical biology through a mix of educational and research activities.

Students will choose from a list of interdisciplinary teams and will be co-mentored by faculty in Chemistry and the College of Medicine. Students will be assigned to individual research groups but broaden their horizons through a variety of experiences that include participating in a mini-symposium on drug discovery, attending seminars given by VICB faculty working across disciplinary lines, and participating in weekly discussions on topics such as scientific ethics and publication.

Our objective is to bring together a select group of 12 rising sophomore, junior, and senior chemistry, biochemistry/biology majors with high potential for careers in chemical biology research at the graduate level.

This ten-week program runs from **May 23 to July 31, 2010**. Apply using the electronic application located at: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/reu/Admission.htm>

The application requires:

1. two letters of recommendation
2. a statement of purpose
3. an unofficial transcript
4. a ranked order of three training faculty/research projects included in your research statement; go to: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/reu/TrainingFacResProjects.htm>

The deadline for application is **February 15, 2010**, and offers are extended April 1, 2010. If you have any questions about the application process, please e-mail reuchembio@vanderbilt.edu.

Sincerely,



Gary Sulikowski
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