



Application for STEP-UP: Registration, Log in, and Management

Short-Term Research Experience Program to Unlock Potential (STEP-UP) Application

[Login.gov](#)

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: NIH, Project Clearance Branch, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7974, Bethesda, MD 208927974, ATTN: PRA (0925-0748). Do not return the completed form to this address.

OMB #0925-0748
Expiration Date 8/31/2023

First time using Login.gov?

[Create an account](#)



NIH is using Login.gov to allow you to sign in to your account safely and securely.

Email address

Password

Show password

[Sign in](#)

[Sign in with your government employee ID](#)

[Back to NIH](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Security Practices and Privacy Act Statement](#)

[Privacy Act Statement](#)



Application for STEP-UP: Registration, Log in, and Management

Undergraduate Application

[Academic](#) [Personal Statement](#) [Resume](#) [References](#) [Review Application](#)

Please indicate if you have taken any of the following standardized tests and list your highest score. In School Information section please provide your current and recent schools. Also please note that undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to upload an unofficial or scanned copy of their official transcript to the online application. If selected for the program you will be asked to send an official transcript.

SAT Score Yes No

ACT Score Yes No

GRE Score Yes No

MCAT Score Yes No

[Add a School](#)

← Previous

1 of 5

Save and Continue →

Save For Later



Application for STEP-UP: Registration, Log in, and Management

Undergraduate Application

[Academic](#) [Personal Statement](#) [Resume](#) [References](#) [Review Application](#)

STEP-UP is intended to help students from diverse backgrounds learn about and prepare for professional research careers. The personal statement is your opportunity to explain why you want to participate in STEP-UP. Your personal statement of 5000 characters or less should describe:

- How a research experience through STEP-UP will positively influence your career development
- Your short and/or long-term academic and career goals
- The various events or experiences that have helped shape your desire to learn more about biomedical, clinical, social or behavioral research
- If you are a returning STEP-UP student, your personal statement must indicate what new opportunities a second summer in STEP-UP would give you. If you are a SENIOR in high school or college, your personal statement must indicate what your plans are after graduation.
- If the character limit is exceeded, the system will prompt you to reduce your text. It is highly recommended that you have someone proofread your personal statement before it is submitted

Please provide your personal statement here

Min characters, including spaces, required: 400

Max characters, including spaces: 5000

5000 Characters Remaining

Paragraph **B** *I* @ := ;:= ← → [table icon] “” ↶ ↷



Application for STEP-UP: Registration, Log in, and Management

Undergraduate Application

[Academic](#) [Personal Statement](#) [Resume](#) **[References](#)** [Review Application](#)

Two letters of recommendation from different individuals are required to complete the STEP-UP application. Professional references (e.g. teachers, professors, employers, etc.) that can comment specifically on your work ethic, education training, and prior research experience, if applicable, are preferred. You should NOT ask a neighbor, church minister, employer (unless related to a research experience), or anyone else who knows you outside of an academic or research context. If you have previously participated in STEP-UP, one of your letters of recommendation must come from your most recent research mentor.

How to secure a reference:

- Early in the application process, visit your references during office hours, or schedule an appointment to discuss your STEP-UP plans and/or your graduate school goals.
- Give your references a short resume of your experiences and areas of interest. Remind them about a project or paper you completed in their class. What grade did you make? Was there something about that project that stands out?
- Monitor your application status to ensure that the recommendations are submitted on time.

[Add a Reference](#)

← [Previous](#)

4 of 5

[Save and Continue](#) →

[Save For Later](#)



Application for STEP-UP: Registration, Log in, and Management

Undergraduate Application

[Academic](#) [Personal Statement](#) **[Resume](#)** [References](#) [Review Application](#)

There is no particular format for the resume, however , it should contain, at minimum; a heading with contact information, objective, education, employment history (paid and voluntary), skills and honors/awards.

Please attach your Resume here

 No file chosen

Resume must be in Microsoft Word or PDF format and shouldn't be larger than 5MB in size.



Application for STEP-UP: Registration, Log in, and Management

Undergraduate Application

[Academic](#) [Personal Statement](#) [Resume](#) [References](#) **[Review Application](#)**

Application Status: DRAFT

Academic Information

SAT Score
ACT Score
GRE Score
MCAT Score

School Information

School information is not provided.

Personal Statement

Resume

Resume is not provided.

References

References are not provided.