Instructions for Application to the 2021 Notre Dame Physics Summer REU Program

Thank you for your interest in the Notre Dame Physics REU program! The electronic application, accessible via the link at the bottom of these instructions, is administered by the University of Notre Dame Graduate School.

- You must be a physics major and a U.S. citizen or legal resident to apply to the program. If you are an international student, you must have funding from another source or your university. International students should email Dr. Umesh Garg (garg@nd.edu) to explain your funding situation and should apply only if Dr. Garg directs you to submit an application.
- You must complete all questions that have an asterisk.

Follow these directions carefully! We will only be able to view your application if you fill it in as instructed below.

1. You will be directed to create an account at the application home page. After you do so, click on Application for Admission to begin.
2. Select Summer 2021 for your application. You will be directed to the instructions page. On the left-hand bar, select Application Type and Term.
   a. For Applicant Type select Departmental Non-Degree.
   b. Under Program Specifics, select No for “Do you plan to attend full time?” For Program Applying To, select Physics REU. For Application Term select Summer 2021.
   c. You may enter one or more advisor names from the list of potential summer 2021 research projects found at http://physics.nd.edu/research/research-projects-for-reu/.
   d. The Prior Application section can be left blank.
   e. The Multiple Programs section can be left blank.
3. Fill in the Personal Information section, including all contact information, biographical information, and citizenship information. You may skip the final section, Additional Personal Information, if you wish.
4. Do not enter any information in the Test Scores section. These scores are not needed for this program.
5. In the Academic History section enter the colleges or universities you have attended. Select Add Institution to enter your current and previous colleges or universities. Transcripts are
required. An unofficial copy of your transcript will be accepted and must be uploaded under “Submit Transcript” where it says “Choose File.”

6. In the Additional Information section, answer only the questions with asterisks (*). You can list Notre Dame as your preferred school and leave the other school sections blank. Skip the Language and Financial Aid sections.

   a. For the question, “Will you be paying your application fee with a fee waiver” answer No. There is no fee to submit an application to the REU program.

7. In the Recommendations section, you must add two recommenders by selecting Add Recommender. Fill in the required fields for two people who can comment on your educational and professional goals and potential. Two letters of recommendation are required.

   a. Tell your recommenders that they’ll receive an email from the University of Notre Dame Graduate School with a link where they can upload their letter of recommendation.

   b. The link may also direct them to a list of questions. Please tell your recommenders that answers to those questions are completely optional. We will be quite happy with them just uploading a letter.

   c. If a recommender has trouble uploading a letter, you may direct them to email it to fuson.1@nd.edu instead. Lori will attach the letter to your application. Only electronic letters will be accepted.

8. Skip the Downloadable Forms section.

9. In the Uploads section you will need to upload two documents: (1) a statement of intent and (2) a curriculum vitae.

   The statement can cover some or all of the following:

   - Why you are interested in an REU program
   - Physics related experience (classes, computer training)
   - Future (after graduation) plans
   - This is a perfect platform for explaining any low grades or problems with grades
   - Where you heard about the Notre Dame REU Program and what appeals to you about our program specifically.

   These are suggestions. Your statement is your opportunity to provide information about you!

   If you have a curriculum vitae or resume, upload it in the Curriculum Vitae heading. If you do not have a curriculum vitae or resume you may simply upload a document saying “CV not required.” There is no need to upload a writing sample or any additional documents.

10. In the Signature section, type your full name.
11. In the Review section, make sure all required fields, errors, and potential problems are addressed, and you are satisfied with your application.

12. Last step: Select Submit Application at the bottom of the Review section page. Your application will only get to us if you see the “Submission Complete!” screen. You will get a confirmation email. Make sure it says you applied to the Summer 2021 Physics REU.

Ready to apply?

Click https://gradconnect.nd.edu/apply/