

Thank you for your interest in the ND Physics and Astronomy REU! You must be a physics major who is already doing research with a physics professor in order to apply. Your application will only be considered if it is received by the February 16 deadline. Please note that acceptance is not automatic. You should only apply if you are willing to fulfill the duties of a host student as described below.

If accepted, all Notre Dame Applicants must agree to:

- Secure financial support. You should apply for a CoS summer fellowship (COS-SURF) or secure funding elsewhere. ND participants do not get any funding from the Physics REU.
- Arrive by the evening of May 25. You will be on call that evening and the entirety of the following day to welcome the REU students from other universities and to help them move in. You will need to assist with and attend the dinner for REU students the following evening and walk the group to orientation at NSH the morning of May 26. You will need to participate in the orientation as well.
- Participate in all group activities during the program unless excused by Dr. Garg.
- Organize group social activities with the other ND host students.
- Take turns with other ND host students to assist with specific duties as assigned.
- Write a report describing your research and make a presentation at the end of the program.
- Complete an evaluation of the program before its conclusion on July 31.

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 Research Programs for your application. You will be directed to the instructions page. On the left-hand bar, select *Application Type and Term (Summer Research Programs)*.**
 - a. **For Program Applying to select *Physics REU***
 - b. **For Application Term select *Summer 2026***
 - c. **For Potential Faculty Advisor - You must enter the names of three (3) advisors, in order of preference, from the list of Potential REU Projects – Summer 2026 found at:**
<https://physics.nd.edu/research/reu-program/potential-reu-projects/>.
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. 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*.”

5. 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* section.
6. In the *Uploads* section, you will need to upload two documents: 1. A Curriculum Vitae and 2. A Statement of Intent.

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.
- Your life experiences that have shaped and informed your academic and career choices so far.

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

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 will 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.

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

8. In the *Signature* section, type your full name.
9. In the *Review* section, make sure all required fields, errors, and potential problems are addressed, and you are satisfied with your application.
10. 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 2026 Physics REU.

Ready to apply?

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