

Indiana University International Summer Undergraduate Research Program (ISURP)

The eight-week International Summer Undergraduate Research Program invites high-achieving undergraduate international students in STEM fields to gain hands-on research experience while living on campus at Indiana University Bloomington. The goal of the program is to expose international undergraduate students to research at Indiana University, provide an opportunity to live and travel abroad, and to consider graduate study in the United States, including Indiana University (IU).

Launched in 2010 in partnership with Tsinghua University, the program has since expanded to include many other universities internationally. Our current partner universities include Tsinghua University, University of Science and Technology of China, Peking University, Ewha Womans University, Sunkyunkwan University, Middle East Technical University, Bogazici University, Koc University, Moi University, and University of Hamburg. Past participants have gone on to graduate school in their home country and at IU, the University of Michigan, Harvard University, Columbia University, Cornell University, UCLA, Scripps Research Institute, Imperial College London and others.

During the program, each student conducts research in laboratories in biology, chemistry, biochemistry or medical sciences under the mentorship of faculty, postdocs and senior graduate students. They learn valuable research skills and at the end of the summer program, make a graduate-level poster presentation to faculty and students.

Participating students live on campus with room and board provided. They get to know each other and their U.S. colleagues through summer arts and sporting events, outdoor adventures, regular meetings with program faculty, and tours of local pharmaceutical companies.

A formal memorandum of understanding is not required for institutions to join the program. We are, however, able to provide one if desired. The basic elements are:

- IU will provide a list of participating faculty, with links to their research website and a description of potential summer projects.
- We ask partner institutions to distribute this information to potential student participants and to return to us a list of proposed matches.
- Faculty will review the matches, perform Zoom or Skype interviews, and agree to a match.
- Participating students will be responsible for costs associated with obtaining a student visa, travel, health insurance, and incidental expenses.
- IU will provide housing, a stipend for expenses and food, transportation to and from the airport and orientation programming typically available to international students.