ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY?

Step up to exciting summer research opportunities through the National Institutes of Health.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health is pleased to announce the opening of the 2012 STEP-UP Program. The program provides an opportunity for high school and undergraduate students to conduct biomedical research for 8-12 weeks in the summer in labs throughout the country.

STEP-UP Program participants receive:
- Summer stipends ranging from $2,500-$3,500.
- An opportunity to conduct biomedical research with leading research scientists throughout the U.S.
- All paid travel expenses to the annual Research Symposium in Bethesda, Maryland.
- Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research.

Eligibility:
- Be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or legal permanent resident.
- Undergraduate applicants must be in their sophomore, junior or senior year in college. (Students that have participated in the STEP-Up High School Program are eligible as undergraduate freshman).
- High School applicants must be in their junior or senior year of high school
- Have a minimum overall 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- Have personal medical/health insurance coverage throughout the duration of the program.
- Come from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research on a national basis, including individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups and individuals with disabilities.

For additional information on the program and how to apply, visit: [http://stepup.niddk.nih.gov/](http://stepup.niddk.nih.gov/)

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