



Summer 2022
Diversity Undergraduate Research Assistantship Opportunity
Alaska IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence
(Alaska INBRE)

Announcement Date: February 1, 2022
Submission Date: March 14, 2022
Awards Announced: ~ early April 2022
Funding Period: May 16 – August 12, 2022

I. BACKGROUND

The Alaska IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) is supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The primary objective of the Alaska INBRE Summer Academic Enrichment Diversity Undergraduate Research Opportunity initiative is to provide support for a project in the biomedical sciences and health with mentorship from a UA faculty member. Students funded through this program will gain valuable experience in designing, conducting, and reporting biomedical research. The purpose is to train undergraduate students in scientific methods, scientific writing, reporting, and presentation preparation. Priority will be given to Alaska Native students and students from other [underrepresented groups as defined by NIH](#). Students will be funded through this solicitation for conducting research at UAF, UAA, or UAS.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a full- or part-time undergraduate student enrolled in programs at a UA campus during the 2021-22 academic year and in good academic standing (min. 2.5 GPA). Applicants must identify a supporting research mentor or work with Alaska INBRE to identify a research mentor prior to submitting an application. For assistance with finding an appropriate research mentor in your area of interest, contact Dr. Kristin O'Brien at UAF (kmobrien@alaska.edu) or Dr. Jonathan Stecyk at UAA (jstecyk@alaska.edu) or Dr. Lisa Hoferkamp at UAS (lahoferkamp@alaska.edu).

III. AWARD AMOUNT

The summer scholar is expected to work 40 hours a week during the summer (May 16 - August 12, 2022). Hourly compensation will be provided at the Student assistant C for \$15.00/h. For additional information on wages and student employment policies and regulations, please see: <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy/09-05.pdf>.

INBRE will also provide a \$5,000 housing and food subsidy. Students will be asked to provide an estimate of living expenses once an award is made.

\$2,000 will be provided to the research mentor for research supplies.

IV. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

A complete application will consist of all of the following:

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Section 1: Statement of Interest. 500 word minimum. Describe your research interests and what you hope to gain from a research experience.

Section 2: Unofficial Transcripts.

Section 3: Reference. One letter of reference must be submitted separately (by the letter writer) via email to ua-akinbre@alaska.edu by the deadline.

Applicants are to submit completed applications to Alaska INBRE via the website at www.alaskainbre.org. The website will take you to a [Google form](#).

Applicants are to name the Word file as follows: “*applicant’s last name_MAU campus_Mod-22 URAD App.*”
Example: Smith_UAA_Mod-22 URAD App.

If you have any questions regarding the file name, format, or file sizing please contact Reporting and Outreach Coordinator [Jynene Black](#). If you have other questions about the preparation of your application or URA guidelines and requirements please contact [Dr. Kristin O’Brien](#) at UAF or [Dr. Jonathan Stecyk](#) at UAA. All submissions will receive email notification of receipt by the end of the next business day.

V. REVIEW PROCEDURES

An *ad hoc* INBRE Committee will review the applications. Applicants will be chosen based on the statement of interest, academic standing, and reference letter. Preference will be given to Native Alaskans and students from underrepresented groups.

VI. AWARD CONDITIONS

- All safety training and any compliance committee approvals, such as Institutional Review Board or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, required of the undergraduate student or proposed project by your University of Alaska campus must be completed before any work can begin. Please check with you Faculty Mentor and their departmental safety officer.
- Provide a report of research progress. A report on summer research projects is due September 16, 2022, and shall include: A) a description of research progress and findings; B) a complete list of publications* and presentations*; C) any outreach presented to the public, schools, or organizations about your research. All reporting will be submitted via the INBRE reporting database. All undergraduate researchers will be required to comply with NIH guidelines by obtaining an eRA Commons account (if you do not currently have one) and updating their personal profile. [Jynene Black](#) will assist you in obtaining one prior to your report. You will be asked to provide your eRA Commons Username/ID when reporting to INBRE.
- Undergraduate researchers are invited to participate in a one-day training workshop in professional development held in conjunction with our annual INBRE retreat, September 24-25, 2022.
- Attendance and poster presentation* at the INBRE retreat on September 23, 2022. Travel, room and board for the retreat and professional development workshop will be covered by Alaska INBRE.

*Presentations (oral or poster) and publications must include the following acknowledgment and disclaimer:

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