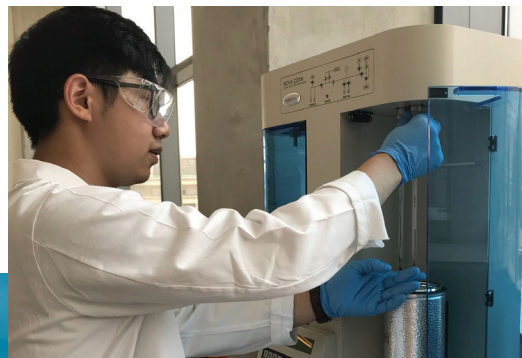


# Molecular Engineering Materials Center (MEM-C) Summer REU Program

MEM-C aims to accelerate the development of future energy conversion, information processing, and sensing technologies through design, discovery, processing, and application of complex electronic and photonic materials.

The summer REU program is focused on exposing veterans and under-represented minorities to a viable and relevant career pathway focused on materials and energy research.



## Full Research Session / June 22–August 21, 2020

**For: Students who have completed their first year of college**

A nine-week immersive research project in a single lab leading to an abstract and poster. You will work with a graduate student and faculty to develop a research project, gain training in relevant techniques and instrumentation, collect data and produce a poster and research abstract. Students participate in a weekly seminar on undergraduate research covering research ethics, writing a research abstract, making a scientific poster.

This session provides a stipend of \$5,000, on-campus housing, \$600 for food, and a \$500 travel allowance.

## Research Experience For Teachers / June 22–July 31, 2020

**For: High School or Middle School teachers**

A six-week session designed for teachers who have the goal of integrating materials research into their curriculum. This session provides a stipend of \$6,000.

## Materials ALVA / June 22–Aug 21, 2020

**For: Incoming UW Freshmen**

Lab research combined with a rigorous math and chemistry enhancement.

Includes stipend, housing.

<http://depts.washington.edu/genomics/hsprog/MEM-C%20ALVA.shtml>



## PROGRAM GOALS

- Encourage students to pursue STEM careers.
- Provide exposure to research at a hands-on level.
- Improve student knowledge about the nature of research including ambiguity, evolving understanding, and open endedness.
- Develop student skills in: formulating research questions, designing experiments, analyzing data, communicating results, and planning future steps.
- Learn about relevant, state of the art content in future energy conversion, information processing, and sensing technologies through design, discovery, processing, and application of complex electronic and photonic materials.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Application deadline: February 14, 2020  
Apply online at:  
<http://mem-c.washington.edu/reu>
- Program starts: June 22, 2020

# Materials Research Summer Program

## Program overview

MEM-C will prepare today's science and engineering students to be tomorrow's diverse cadre of technology innovators and leaders in industry, national laboratories, and academia. The summer REU program is focused on exposing under-represented minorities and veterans to a viable and relevant career pathway focused on materials and energy research.

Our focus: materials resilience and innovation. Undergraduates including veterans will find the research topics are both challenging and relevant to their experience. How can we provide mobile, lightweight and inexpensive energy sources to our forces and to the communities they work with? How can materials research lead to new electronics that are super miniaturized, low energy consumption and reliable? How can new kinds of sensors be used to improve safety, efficiency, and effectiveness?

MEM-C REU is a multidisciplinary program offering research experiences in a variety of scientific disciplines including chemistry, physics, materials science and engineering, and electrical engineering.

Participants may select research projects across a broad range of topics and research areas. Students explore the development of new molecules for development of future energy conversion, information processing, and sensing technologies through design, discovery, processing, and application of complex electronic and photonic materials. Other labs work on integrating these new materials into devices at both the nano- and macro-scale.

Students will also participate in University of Washington undergraduate research seminars, social activities, and field trips that provide them with networking and learning opportunities. These activities include technical content and career seminars, as well as workshops designed to teach students how to effectively present scientific research. Some students may be eligible to receive academic credit and be provided with the opportunity to attend professional conferences to share their work and learn from others.

By the end of the summer, students will be familiar with lab research and the technical, social, and cultural skills necessary to succeed in industry and academia. Students research activities may include literature search, experimental design, bench work, lab notebook management, mathematical modeling, instrumental characterization, computer/software control and analysis, and lab safety. They will also develop communication, organization, and interpersonal skills.

## Expectations of MEM-C REU participants

**REU:** Students are expected to work in their designated laboratory 40 hours per week for 9 weeks and complete an academically appropriate research project designed in conjunction with their advisor. By the end of the nine-week session, students are expected to complete an abstract or summary of their work, a poster, and a presentation. Other assignments may be required.

**Research Experience For Teachers:** Teachers will participate in the research experience with the goal of creating curricula that they can use in the classroom.

## Applications due February 14, 2020

- Personal statement: 250 words. How does this fit into your career plans? Why do you believe that you are prepared to be successful? What research focus interests you the most?
- CV: listing all education, training and work experience
- References: Provide email contact information for two professional referrals.

