



# ASPB

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through plant biology research.*

## 2024 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) MENTOR INFORMATION

*This is only one part of the application. The full application is at <https://surf.aspb.org>. Combine this form with the STUDENT INFORMATION form. Upload this single, combined file to the online application.*

### Mentor Questions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentors must belong to ASPB. **What is your ASPB Member ID?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is your institution considered a minority-serving institution\*?** Y / N

If YES, provide category\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*U.S. only. Check <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html> for U.S. classifications.

**How did you learn about SURF?** \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Mentor's Current Funding/Research

Are you currently receiving research support?      Y / N      If YES, please state:

Funding source(s)	Amount(s)	Duration

### B. Proposed SURF Research Project

*As additional pages to this application file (to be inserted under this section), please provide the following (2-page limit total):*

1. A description of the proposed SURF research project, including:
  - a. a brief project overview that clearly indicates how the project reinforces your research program (one page limit);
  - b. a brief description of the student's role in conducting the SURF project;
  - c. your plans for mentoring the student during the project (the nature of interactions);

- d. a brief description of the facilities available to support the research;
  - e. a statement of the anticipated outcomes from the project;
  - f. a statement on how the \$700 supply stipend will be applied; and
  - g. if needed, a rationale for and the name(s) of anyone other than the mentor responsible for direct supervision of the applicant for significant portions of the research (*note: this arrangement is **not** encouraged*).
2. Your experience in mentoring undergraduate research, including:
    - a. a list of undergraduate students from the past five years and their current professional status; and
    - b. a description of your current laboratory group (numbers of undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, and technical positions).
  3. **Are you and the applicant at the same institution?** If YES, do not address this question in any way. If NO, then explain in a maximum of 750 words the collaborative arrangements between you, your student, and the relevant institutions.
  4. Please summarize your efforts in promoting DEI.

### **C. Curriculum Vitae**

*As additional pages to this application file (to be inserted under this section), please provide the following:*

1. A current CV; please use the **2-page** NSF model.
2. It is expected that the mentor will be the applicant's active and primary research supervisor. However, IF anyone other than the mentor will directly supervise the applicant for significant portions of the research needed, an additional CV must be attached for that person (also the 2-page NSF model).

### **D. Personal Commitment to the Project**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following terms and conditions:  
(type mentor's name here)

I commit to a minimum of ten consecutive weeks of direct mentoring for this ASPB Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

I agree to accompany the SURF student to the 2025 American Society of Plant Biologists annual meeting to be held July 26-30, 2025, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- For this meeting, I will mentor my SURF student through the process of submitting an abstract and presenting a paper or poster on the results of the research conducted during the ASPB SURF project.

- I will support my student's independent efforts to communicate via social or print media, a circulating video, or as an event presenter about his/her SURF experience or research data in a manner that will appeal to student's peers or the general public and prior to Plant Biology 2025.
- I will attend participate in all SURF-related event(s) at Plant Biology 2025 as a part of mentoring my SURF student.
- I will participate in future SURF program evaluations or consult with future mentors as needed and to the best of my availability.

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By typing my full name here and submitting this application,  
I agree to this commitment.

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Date