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2027 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*: _____

What is your institution's Carnegie classification? _____

Link for reference - https://carnegieclassifications.acenet.edu/institutions/.

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*). Please also see Section C.2, below.

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 SciENcv format developed by the NIH and adopted by the NSF (see https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/)

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 following the SciENcv format).

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 of this ASPB SummerUndergraduate Research Fellow.

- I will mentor my SURF student through the process of submitting an abstract and presenting a talk or poster on the results of the research conducted during the ASPB SURF project during ASPB's Plant Biology 2028 annual meeting to be held July 22 – July 25, 2028, in St. Louis, MO.
- I will support my student's independent efforts to communicate via social or print media, circulating a video, and/or as an event presenter about their SURF

experience or research data in a manner that will appeal to student's peers or the general public and prior to Plant Biology 2028.

- If possible, I will attend and participate in all SURF-related event(s) at Plant Biology 2028 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 ability.

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

Date