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2027 Summer Undergraduate
Research Fellowship (SURF)

STUDENT INFORMATION

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

Student/Applicant Name:_____

A. Research/Award Experience

List with title, dates, and any dollar amount for your:

most recent experience(s) conducting scientific research	*stipend(s) for any undergraduate fellowship, grants or similar*	*funds for room and board for the 10 weeks of this SURF research*

B. Education Extras

Are you currently working on your first undergraduate degree?_____If not, please explain:

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List up to five of your extracurricular activities:_____

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List any academic honors/awards (beyond what you charted above) :_____

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How did you learn about SURF? _____

C. Research Project Statement

*As additional pages to this application file (to be inserted in this section "C"), please write a research project statement that includes the following (**2-page limit**):*

1. Title of proposed research project.

2. A project description that clearly delineates the rationale, significance, and goals of the project and provides a clear outline of the experimental approach, including the student's role in the project. The project description must not exceed one page. The student should be the primary author of the project description, but it is expected that the research mentor will provide guidance.

3. Evidence of preparation by the student for successful completion of the project (relevant course background, laboratory preparation, independent study, previous research experience, etc.).

D. Personal Statement

*As additional pages to this application file (to be inserted in this section "D"), please write a personal statement that includes the following (**1-page limit**):*

1. How your background experiences shaped your interest in Plant Biology.

2. Your long-term career objectives

3. How the award of an ASPB Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship will enhance your career objectives

E. Personal Commitment to the Project

I,_____, commit to a minimum of ten consecutive weeks of full-time employment (research) for this 2027 ASPB Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

I will not accept another source of salary or stipend for this research. I understand supplemental funds for room and board are acceptable.

If I am a SURF recipient, I agree to:

- Attend Plant Biology 2028, the American Society of Plant Biologists annual meeting to be held July 22 – July 25, 2028, in St. Louis, MO. For this meeting, I will submit an abstract for a talk or poster to present the results of my ASPB SURF project. I will attend any SURF-oriented events that may be organized during Plant Biology 2028, so that I can present and discuss my research as well as participate in career development and networking.

- Communicate via social or print media, a video, or as an event presenter about my SURF experience or research data *in a manner that will appeal to my peers orthe general public*. I will email slee@aspb.org with a link to or summary of my engagement method in order to receive my travel stipend to Plant Biology 2028.

- Expect the SURF travel stipend for Plant Biology 2028 will be sent to my address of record only after I have registered for the meeting, submitted all required documents, and emailed details of my public communication efforts to Sylvia Lee.

- Participate in future SURF program evaluation surveys to the best of my ability.

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

Date