

# 2017-2018 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Iowa State University's **Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA) Program** encourages outstanding juniors and seniors to pursue graduate study by offering them hands-on experience in a formal research environment. Participation in the URA Program assists students in making career decisions and in attaining information about graduate education and fellowships. Faculty and staff members of Iowa State also benefit from working closely with talented undergraduates. In its thirtieth year, the URA program continues to help students develop technical and specialized skills as well as foster originality, imagination, judgment, and patience -- the traits of an independent scholar.

## To qualify for the URA Program, students must:

- Be classified as juniors or seniors by the beginning of the term employed as a URA
- File the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be eligible for work study funding (be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen)
- Maintain an ISU cumulative GPA of at least 3.25
- Complete URA application (deadline of March 31)

## Faculty/Staff procedures for the URA Program:

- Complete URA Faculty/Staff application (deadline of March 31)
- Interview student(s) and make offer(s) of employment
- Complete Letter of Intent
- Complete Work Study Authorization on Access Plus prior to the term of employment

## Pre-match procedures for the URA Program:

Students and faculty/staff are encouraged to seek out those with similar interests for possible URA "matches." Preference is given to qualified students and faculty/staff who request on their respective applications to work with each other.

Applications available at:

<http://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/employment/ugrad-research-assistantships.php>

The deadline for both student and faculty/staff applications is March 31, 2017.

## Questions? Contact the URA office:

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Office of Student Financial Aid  
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