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ERI hosting summer research program

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Individual participants will be matched with ERI faculty based on interest and background. The participants will obtain research training in the disciplines of biochemistry, cell biology, physiology, molecular biology, signal transduction and neuroscience as applied to the study of eye and blinding eye diseases.

By conducting research early in their career, students will acquire laboratory experience that can facilitate acceptance to prominent graduate or medical schools or to obtain employment in the industry.

SUPER lasts 12 weeks, from mid-May through early August. The program will attempt to be flexible regarding students who wish to take courses in the spring or summer semesters.

Applicants must be an OU undergraduate student currently enrolled in a degree program, part or full-time, leading to a bachelor's degree. SUPER is intended for sophomores and juniors who are interested in careers in biological or biomedical research or science teaching. A successful applicant should have at least a 3.0 grade point average in the science courses.

Students must submit a completed application form, brief resume, copy of a current transcript, one letter of reference from an academic source, and a one-page double-spaced essay describing the applicants' career goals and interests in science.

The deadline for applications is March 3. For more information, call the **Eye Research Institute** at (248) 370-2390.

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