### URA Summer Research Panel

January 26, 2023

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#### Agenda

O1 Overview

What types of summer research are there?

03 Panel

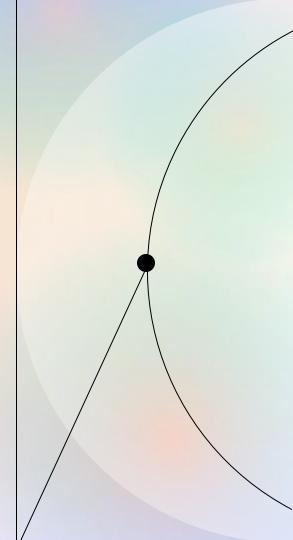
Hear firsthand from students' experiences

O2 Opportunities

Where are summer research positions found?

04 Small Groups

Receive focused answers to your questions



# 01 Overview



# Why Should You Do a Summer Research Experience?









New Experience

Get a Feeling for Real Academia

Professional Development

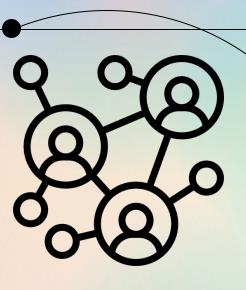
Lots of Formats

# 02 Opportunities

#### Finding Programs to Apply To

Industry Domestic REUs PURA

# 03 Panel



#### Anisha Kanukolanu

Major: Neuroscience

Concentration: BMED & HMED w/

Research Option

Year: 3rd Year

About: Interested in pursing an MD/PhD in Neuroscience. Currently involved in aging and spatial navigation research in the Neural Plasticity Research Lab



#### President's Undergraduate Research Award

- Application process
  - 2 page research project proposal
  - Letter of recommendation from PI
- Great opportunity to continue your current lab involvement
- By being there for longer extensions of time you get the read feel of the lab experience.



#### Haaris Jilani

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Concentration: Research

Year: 3rd year

About: Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering. Currently involved in stem cell and biomaterial work in the Temenoff Lab.



#### International Research

- Great opportunity to learn about research environments in other countries
- Expands your professional network
- Exposes you to new cultures
- To apply: should write a personal statement detailing your research history (or interests), career goals, and why you want to work internationally



Brainstorm the future.

**AMGEN** Scholars Program

### NAKATANI

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#### Nakatani Program

- Only for BMEs
- Requires 3 short essay prompts: research experience, career goals, lab interest
- Late May end of July
- My experience: 10/10
- Got to learn more about Japanese language and culture
- Made friends with Japanese university students and other exchange students
- Made international connections in my field
- My project: enhancing protein transportation within animal cells to improve production processes for therapeutic antibodies



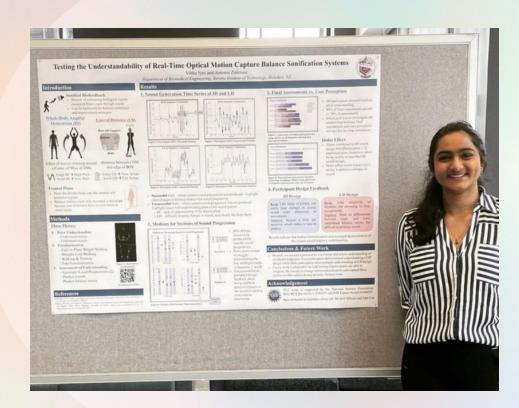
### Vibha Iyer

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Minor: Robotics

Year: 2nd Year

About: Interested in working in medical robotics. Currently researching at the Exoskeleton and Prosthetics Intelligent Controls (EPIC) Lab at Tech.



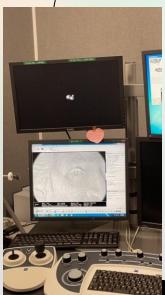
#### **REU** Experience

- Travel somewhere new (and get paid a full stipend along with it)!
- Develop skills that are perfect for graduate school and professional development.
- Attend conferences, meet undergrads from different schools – make tons of academic connections
- My project: translating human motion into sound (biofeedback sonification) to improve human balance









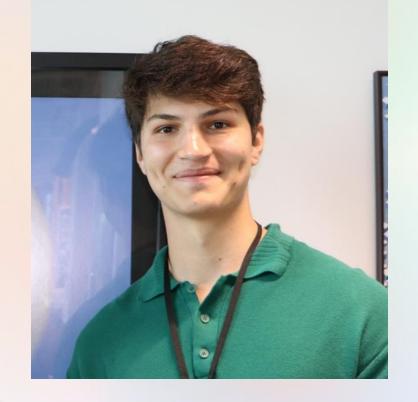
#### Venny Kojouharov

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Concentration: Robotics w/ CS minor

Year: 3rd Year

About: Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in bio-inspired robotics. Actively involved in research at Georgia Tech and Harvard University.



#### Georgia Tech

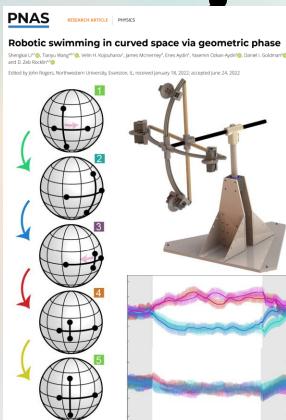
Supported by PURA for Summer 2021 and for Fall 2022.

Research at Georgia
Tech allowed me to
establish a position in
a lab, work towards
publications, and
become very close to
PI for future research
opportunities

### CRAB Lab

Complex Rheology And Biomechanics





#### **REU @ Harvard**



#### Experience:

- \$6000 stipend & living expenses covered
- Research in a SEAS lab
- Workshops for graduate school
- Mentorship from PhD/Post-doc mentors
- Contribution towards conferences/papers

#### Online Application:

- Personal Statement
- 2 Letter of Recommendation









Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences



Harvard Microrobotics Laboratory



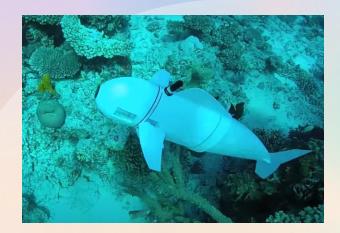
#### Future Plans: International Research

#### Experience:

- \$5400 for living expenses
- Research in any field, any Swiss university
- Mentorship from PhD/Post-doc mentors
- Contribution towards conferences/papers
- International experience

#### Online Application:

- Personal Statement, Project Proposal
- 2 Letter of Recommendation





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# Taylor Hampson

Major: Aerospace Engineering

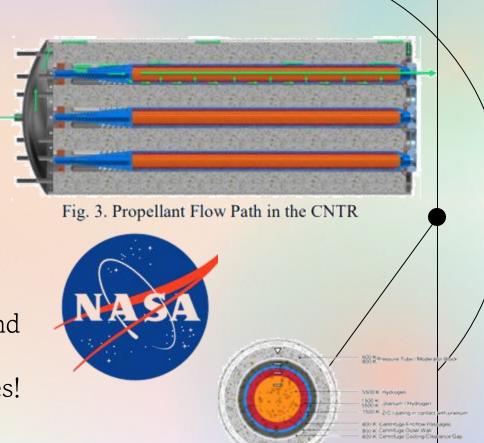
Year: 3rd

About: Interested in innovating spacecraft propulsion. Involved with electric and nuclear-thermal propulsion research for Georgia Tech and NASA



### NASA Internship: Nuclear Thermal Propulsion

- Research in industry
- 12-week part-time internship
- \$17/hr stipend for 20 hrs/week
- Engineering of new concept + public sector = research + publications
- Learned skills relevant to private sector: heat transfer modeling and design
- Consider fall/spring opportunities!



### Georgia Tech: Electric Propulsion

- Assisted in test operations for electric propulsion devices in vacuum test facilities
  - → very hands-on
- PURA: researching the applicability of lattice confinement nuclear fusion to electric propulsion (more theory/modeling)
- Summer: more likely to be paid & learn valuable engineering skills









#### More Experiences (working on it)

Laila Hayes

Experience MIT Summer Research Program





Experience
Pathology Dynamics
Lab at Georgia Tech





Experience Neurorestoration Gene Therapy Lab at Emory

Julia Vallier



Experience
Sana Biotech Internship
University of Kansas REU

If you are interested in learning more...

Sign up for office hours ->



## Thank you!

