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## Research Experience for Undergraduates Program

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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Q - How are admitted students matched to summer **research projects**?

A – Applicants are asked to prioritize “C2B2 Research Thrusts” in the online application. This ranking information is used to match qualified applicants with research laboratories of faculty and mentors at a C2B2 institution (CU, CSU, Mines or NREL). Students are matched with research projects in the thrust areas of their top preferences whenever possible. However, due to limited research opportunities, top preferences cannot always be provided. C2B2 encourages applicants to thoroughly investigate Research Thrust areas and C2B2 principal investigator research emphases prior to submitting the online application.

Q - What is a “**Creative Scientific Response**” (CSR)?

A - The CSR is a one-page document describing your ideal research project. There are no rules or required formats for this response. *C2B2 suggests that you include details related to research objectives, team members, materials and actions required for the project’s success.* The admissions committee encourages innovative problem solving ideas. The CSR is not the project you will be working on during the program.

Q - What if I can’t get an official **transcript** in time?

A - C2B2 must receive an official transcript. If your transcript will be late, send an unofficial copy to [c2b2@colorado.edu](mailto:c2b2@colorado.edu) by the application deadline with an explanation of when the official transcript will arrive. Electronic transcripts from universities are accepted.

Q - Can I apply if I am **graduating** this spring?

A - Program rules state that undergraduate applicants must be currently enrolled in a undergraduate degree-seeking program at the time of program participation.

Q - What are the **GPA requirements**?

A - This program does not have specific GPA requirements. Each candidate is evaluated on a number of factors with GPA being one consideration.

Q - Can I apply if I am not an engineering **major**?

A - C2B2 does not place a restriction on academic majors. Please keep in mind that you will be working on a biorefining/biofuels research project in an academic setting. Students are expected to put forth sufficient effort to learn about the research being conducted in their laboratory. This may include additional work or outside reading to gain the knowledge to be a productive member of the research team.

Q - Can I apply if I am an **international student**?

A - Yes, C2B2 welcomes U.S. citizens, permanent residents and international citizens. C2B2 partner institutions are committed to diversity and equality in education and employment. Applications from underrepresented students are strongly encouraged.

Q - What if I have a conflict with the **program dates**?

A - Alternate dates may be scheduled for some undergraduates on quarterly academic schedules. Admitted students with date conflicts should email [c2b2@colorado.edu](mailto:c2b2@colorado.edu) with information about your situation.

Q - Who should write my **letters of recommendation**? Do they need to be from faculty?

A - C2B2 suggests that letters of recommendation address your ability to work in an academic research setting. At least one letter should be from a faculty member or research supervisor. Electronic letters are preferred. All e-recommendation letters must be emailed directly from the reference, preferably on university letterhead.

Q - Do all **application materials** need to arrive at the same time?

A - C2B2 prefers that all application materials be submitted electronically. It is expected that application materials to arrive at different times but ALL documents need to be received by the application deadline in order for the applicant to be considered for the program.

Q - Did you **receive my electronic application** and all of my **application materials**?

A - You will receive an email confirmation that your on-line application was received. We do not notify applicants about missing materials. It is your responsibility to make sure the application and ALL materials are received by the application deadline. You need to follow-up with your university and references to ensure that all documents have been sent to C2B2. If you have any concerns please email [c2b2@colorado.edu](mailto:c2b2@colorado.edu).

Q - **HELP!** I received an **error message** when submitting my online application.

A - Applicants who receive an error message when submitting online application should email [C2B2@colorado.edu](mailto:C2B2@colorado.edu) to request that a C2B2 staff member verify if your online application materials were received. Attach your online application materials to this email message. Please do not submit the application more than 1x unless instructed to do so by C2B2 staff.

Q - When will I be **notified** of acceptance?

A - C2B2 will notify all applicants of admission status within two months of the application deadline.

Q - What will I get **paid**?

A - Students admitted to the program will receive a \$4300 stipend and \$1900 subsistence (housing/food) allowance. Travel expenses will be paid up to \$550. Official funding details will be provided to admitted students.