

Nevada ENDURE Program

About Nevada ENDURE

The Nevada ENDURE (Enhancing Neuroscience Diversity through Undergraduate Research Education Experiences) Program is funded by the National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). This two-year program is designed to provide intensive research training to students from underrepresented backgrounds who plan to pursue doctoral (PhD) training in neuroscience or a neuroscience-related field. Trainees will gain invaluable experience in neuroscience research and professional development, and will benefit from outstanding opportunities to network with neuroscience researchers during summer and academic year research placements and national scientific conference attendance.

Program Eligibility:

- US citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent resident
- Current UNR or TMCC student who will be a UNR junior in Fall 2021 (i.e., current sophomore/second year student)
- Current or planned major in neuroscience or a related area (e.g., biology or psychology with a neuroscience focus)
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- From a background that is underrepresented in neuroscience at the doctoral level, as defined by the National Institutes of Health: underrepresented racial or ethnic minorities, first generation college students, economically disadvantaged students, or students with documented disabilities.
- Able to commit to two years of training year-round beginning in June 2021 and ending in May of the senior year in 2023.
- Committed to pursuing a PhD in neuroscience or neuroscience-related field

Nevada ENDURE trainees begin the program in the summer before the junior year, during which they are paid to spend 40 hours per week for 10 weeks (\$13/hr) working in a neuroscience research lab at one of our summer partner institutions: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, the University of Michigan, or Stanford. During the summer before the senior year, trainees similarly conduct research at a second summer partner institution. During the junior and senior academic years, trainees are paid to work 15 hours per week (\$13/hr) in a UNR neuroscience research lab and they also attend a weekly seminar that provides additional training in topics including professional development, research ethics, and preparing research for presentation. Trainees also attend and present at research conferences including the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting. All conference expenses are paid, as are UNR registration fees that remain after financial aid.

How to Apply to Nevada ENDURE

We are currently recruiting for our first cohort, who will begin the program in June 2021. The application deadline is February 10, 2021. [Apply online here.](https://tinyurl.com/NevadaENDURE) (<https://tinyurl.com/NevadaENDURE>)

Required application materials:

1. Application form (electronic; available at the above link).
2. CV or resume.
3. One page statement, single-spaced, describing your career goals, research interests and experience, and any other information that might be helpful for the selection committee.
4. Transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable for the application; finalists will need to provide official transcripts).
5. Letters of recommendation from 2 college faculty members (these will be sent directly to the ENDURE program).

If you experience difficulty with the online application, please contact us at endure@unr.edu for alternative arrangements.

Contact Nevada ENDURE

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