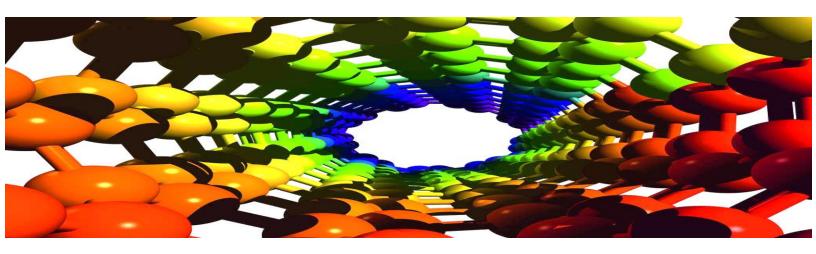
# SMART POLYMER COMPOSITE MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

A Research Experience for Undergraduates



Smart Polymer Composite Materials and Structures is a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU). Faculty from the departments of chemistry, mechanical engineering and civil engineering will mentor students.

### Requirements

- U.S. citizen/permanent resident
- Enrolled in an undergraduate program at a two- or four-year institution
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.00
- Desire to pursue a career in research and/or graduate school in your major
- We especially seek applications from women and groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM disciplines.

## **Research Projects**

- Data-enabled Discovery of Smart Polymers for 4D Printing of Composite Structures
- Synthesis and Characterization of Mechanically Strong, Remoldable and Recyclable Polyaminal Thermosets
- Ionic Fluorescence Materials for Detection of Self-Healing and Strength in Ionomers
- Self-sensing and Self-heating Nanocomposite Films for Structural Health Monitoring and Repair of Thermoplastic Composite Joints
- Design and Fabrication of Additive Flexible Formwork for the Design of Concrete Interlocking Modules
- Cure-on Demand Composites with Frontal Radical-Induced Cationic Polymerization
- Hierarchically Structured Nanocomposite Polymers
- Metaheuristic-based Reverse Design and Development of 4D Printable Polymer Composites with Targeted Properties

#### **Benefits**

- \$600/week stipend
- · On-campus housing, if needed
- Up to \$500 travel reimbursement
- Dining card provided

## **Important Dates**

**Application Open:** January 1, 2021 **Application Deadline:** March 1, 2021 **Program Dates:** May 24 - July 30, 2021

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