

Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine

WFIRM is grateful for the financial support for the Summer Scholar Program. Our unique mentored research experiences provide future scientists the opportunity to study and learn with the world's best regenerative medicine teams.

To support the program, please contact us at summerscholarAHWFB@advocatehealth.org or visit www.wfirm.org.

As part of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, WFIRM is a nonprofit Section 501(c)3 nonprofit and your gifts may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.





We anticipate a cohort of 24 undergraduate positions.

10 positions (NSF Award #2243993) focus on enabled technologies, biomanufacturing and biofabrication and 8 positions focus on kidney and urologic diseases applications (NIDDK #R25DK126625)

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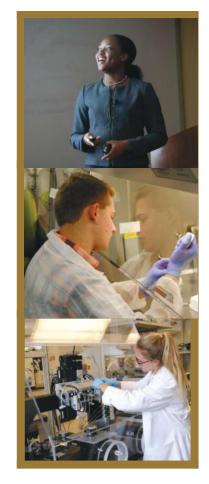
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2026
Undergraduate
Summer
Scholars
Program in
Regenerative
Medicine

May 27, 2026 – July 31, 2026





Applications open November 15, 2025 and are due by January 15, 2026

An online information session will be held December 19, 2025 at 4 p.m. EST. Register at wfirm.org.

The Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine is offering fellowships for its 2026 Undergraduate Summer Scholar Research Program.

The ability to engineer functional tissues and organs in the laboratory requires the coordinated expertise of many disciplines across science, engineering, and clinical practice, including cell and molecular biology, chemistry, engineering, and physiology. Through our Summer Scholars Program, the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) offers undergraduate students the opportunity to experience this exciting, multidisciplinary research firsthand.

The 2026 program will be held May 27 to July 31, 2026. WFIRM Summer Scholars conduct research under the supervision of prominent regenerative medicine scientists and their teams. In addition to hands-on research and instrumental training, Scholars participate in specialized seminars and courses, write a research summary, conduct an oral presentation, and could see their work published. Scholars receive a \$6,000 stipend for the 10-week period with housing at Wake Forest dorms.

The program includes:

- Individually tailored research with faculty mentor(s) and their team
- Short courses and seminars on alternating topics in regenerative medicine
- Professional development workshops
- Participation in final research symposium and poster session
- Social and networking events
- Graduate and medical school advising
- Opportunities to present your research in oral and poster format at WFIRM and professional meetings



The program is competitive. Applicants should be undergraduate students at a two- or four-year institution pursuing degrees in engineering, bioengineering, biotechnology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, biology, medicine, or related fields with a cumulative GPA of 2.85 or higher (on the 4.0 scale). They must have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate education and be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the program. International students who currently have a J-1 or F-1 visa and who are already attending school in the United States are eligible to apply.



The main criteria for the selection of summer scholars will be personal scholarship and academic excellence and the match of applicant interests with those of participating researchers.

In addition to the completed online application and personal statements, the following documents are required:

- An official undergraduate transcript
- One academic letter of recommendation

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WFIRM is committed to dedicated to providing a supportive and inclusive research opportunities to all students and are committed to providing a culture of continuous learning, not only for our students, but for research professionals at every stage of their career.