**Subject:**

Seeking Faculty with Summer Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

Hi Faculty Members,

Do you have summer opportunities appropriate for undergraduate students?  We want to match you with talented and interested UNC undergrads!

We are piloting a summer internship program for undergrads [potentially called Biostatistics Undergraduate Summer Internships or BUSI].

What’s next?  Email me back by 2/22/22 with answers to the questions below. These items will help us ‘match’ your projects to interested undergrads. You can expect to hear back from us with interested students’ information in early March.

Details below.  Thanks!

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**QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR POTENTIAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

1. How many students are you interested in working with this summer?
2. What will the student(s) be doing? (2-3 sentences about the project)
3. Any special skills needed or preferred? (SAS/ R/ other courses?)
4. Paid or unpaid?
5. In person or potentially remote?
6. Do you have graduate student(s) working on this project that would be interested in serving as mentor(s)?
7. Estimate of ‘length of project’: (Examples:  5-10 hours for 4 weeks, 40 hours a week for about 10 weeks, flexible but likely approx. total of 30 hours across the entire summer, 10 hours a week starting in May and ending mid-July, …. Approximations are fine…)
8. Anything else you would like us to know to find a student who is a good fit for this project?

**INFO ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO MAY APPLY:**

* We are advertising this opportunity to our BSPH Biostatistics students as well as more widely to UNC undergraduates, targeting students with interests and coursework in *statistics/programming/math*.
* BSPH Biostat Students: After one year in the BSPH Biostat program, most students have had [list applicable classes that your undergrads have had]

**MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM/WHAT ARE THE UNDERGRADUATES LOOKING FOR IN AN INTERNSHIP?**

* Projects can range from basic tasks (data management in SAS or R, creating variables, writing documentation, data entry, data extraction, validation, short-term projects) to complex ones (data analyses for publication or simulations). These projects could evolve into senior honors projects or continue as part-time work in the fall, if desired.
* If you have graduate student(s) interested in serving as mentor(s), our BUSI graduate student program directors will provide mentorship training before the summer term begins. Mentors will help interns become familiar with the project, serve as a resource for questions related to the project and biostats in general, etc. They will essentially serve as a big buddy!
* All students will participate in a BUSI end-of-summer research symposium to showcase the work they have done on your project. Our program directors will provide training on preparing and presenting a scientific poster.
* Students are different – and looking for different things –they bring to the table different goals and backgrounds. So feel free to share whatever projects you think are appropriate.
* We anticipate we will have more student interest than projects available. We will screen students and then send information to faculty so that you can interview and select your student.