

Tips for Applying to the Injury Science REU Program

Applicants who are selected for the training program submit a completed application on time, have strong references, and express an interest and passion about learning more about injury science as related to their past experiences.

1) Ensure your application is complete

Incomplete applications are not reviewed. Due the large number of applications we receive each year, we are unable to request missing application materials if something is missing.

2) Submit your application on time through the online submission form

Submissions are accepted by completing the application via the link provided on the website. <https://injury.research.chop.edu/research-experiences-undergraduates/reu-application-requirements> Applications delivered via email to program staff will not be accepted.

3) Be sure you meet program requirements

Applications are not reviewed if all requirements are not met (for example: GPA, previous coursework, anticipated graduation date).

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5) Carefully articulate REU internship goals

It is important to be clear in your essay about your goals. Poorly articulated goals make it difficult to assess your fit with the REU program. Articulation of your goals allows us to understand your reasons for wanting to participate in the internship.

6) Examine and explain your fit with the Injury REU Site goals

Sometimes a student's goals are not in-line with the research projects' or REU Site goals. A good fit means that the student has some experience OR class work consistent with injury research, treatment, prevention or the field of injury science in general OR a desire to expand his/her knowledge base in injury science research. Students who are unable to articulate their interest in research are often not considered a good fit with the program.