

*Eligibility, Terms, and Conditions*  
*for ACS PRF SUPPLEMENTS FOR UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY RESEARCH (SUMR)*

1. ACS PRF Supplements for Underrepresented Minority Research are available to non-profit scientific or educational institutions as supplements to currently active ACS PRF grants-in-aid. The Supplement may be used only for the support of an undergraduate (designated a SUMR Scholar) who is a member of a minority group underrepresented in science, i.e., African American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian.
2. The SUMR Scholar must participate in the PRF-funded research project. The Scholar must have plans to continue undergraduate education, or enter a discipline-related post-baccalaureate program, in Fall 2009.
3. A principal investigator holding an active ACS PRF research grant may request supplemental support for only one SUMR Scholar in any year. SUMR awards are not transferrable to other students; if an awardee declines the award, it must be cancelled and, if payment has been made, returned to ACS PRF.
4. Grantee institutions shall be responsible for the selection of ACS PRF SUMR Scholars and shall compensate the Scholar from supplementary ACS PRF grant funds in accordance with the institution's usual policies for undergraduate student compensation.
5. The maximum amount of a SUMR supplement to an approved ACS PRF grant-in-aid is \$5,000. Most, or all, of this amount shall constitute a stipend to the SUMR Scholar (including the cost of benefits, if any). Up to \$500 of the total may be used toward research expenses.
6. Funds from other sources available to the grantee institution may be used to supplement the award.
7. The normal expectation is that an ACS PRF SUMR Scholar will engage in research for a period of eight to ten weeks. The stipend should be reduced for less than eight weeks of participation. Usually, the research project will conclude before the beginning of the fall academic term, although exceptions can be made under some circumstances.
8. The principal investigator and the SUMR Scholar agree to provide reports of the supplement evaluating the impact of the summer research experience on the minority undergraduate researcher upon completion of the award period.
9. The SUMR award is reported on the annual financial report for the principal investigator's PRF-funded research grant.
10. **Email the signed application (PDF) to [prfsumr@acs.org](mailto:prfsumr@acs.org).** Signatures of the principal investigator and an officer of the institution endorsing the proposal are required on page 1, and of the prospective SUMR Scholar on page 3 attesting to the scholar's eligibility as a member of an underrepresented minority group as defined in 1 above. The application materials must be **received via email by 5:00 pm ET December 5, 2008.**

*Criteria Used in Ranking SUMR Proposals*

The purpose of the SUMR program is to offer a research experience for undergraduates from underrepresented minority groups, as defined above. At the same time, this program offers ACS PRF grantees additional resources to further their PRF-sponsored research. The following criteria will be applied in ranking SUMR requests:

- Scientific merit of the proposal
- Impact of the experience on the education of the student
- Availability of enrichment activities such as research seminars, project-related field trips, significant mentoring, and exploration of scientific career choice
- Richness of the environment for learning through research
- Receptiveness of the environment to the SUMR Scholar
- Impact of this opportunity on the climate for recruitment of underrepresented minorities to scientific careers. Principal investigators are encouraged to consider students who are early in their undergraduate programs as potential beneficiaries of the supplements.