

Summer 2025 NSF REU at CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY: Synthesis, Assembly, and Characterization of Soft Matter



Trip to Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State U.



Trip to NASA Glenn Research Center



The departments of Physics and Chemical & Biomedical Engineering at Cleveland State University invite you to experience cutting edge soft matter research in a supportive environment of our Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Program Dates: May 27 – August 1, 2025 (tentative)

<u>Projects include:</u> electron imaging of soft matter systems; design and characterization of proteinbased materials; volume phase transition in polymer microgels; assembly of anisotropic nanoparticles; imaging of polymers on surfaces; microfluidic channels and mixers; DNA origami; microemulsions in absinthe; cellular microsensation to fluid flow; waste to energy via chemistry.

<u>Support:</u> \$6000 stipend (for 10 weeks; housing provided at no charge); up to \$500 travel funds to CSU; at least \$500 conference travel funds after completion of REU.

<u>Eligibility:</u> current undergraduate students who are US citizens and permanent residents. Underrepresented minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

Priority deadline February 15, 2025

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