

## UPWARDS Summer Intensive Program 2026– Information Sheet

Host University	Purdue University
Program Title	Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) for UPWARDS students <a href="https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/students/about-SURF">https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/students/about-SURF</a>
Program Period (Dates)	May 25, 2026 – August 7, 2026 (11 weeks) (In-person program starts on June 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Location & Venue	West Lafayette, IN, USA
Maximum Enrollment from Partner Universities	Maximum total number of students: 20
Program Fee	Paid research fellows (Students will be paid with a stipend of ~\$6,500). Non-Purdue students accepted into the program will also receive the housing subsidy.
Requirements	<a href="https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/students/about-SURF/prospectiveSURFApplicants">https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/students/about-SURF/prospectiveSURFApplicants</a>
Application Method & Deadline	Apply online, Priority deadline: Jan. 15, 2026 Link: <a href="https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/SURF">https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/SURF</a>
Curriculum Overview	<p>The program offers a 11-week immersive summer research experience, where selected students work either on Purdue's West Lafayette or Indianapolis campuses with faculty and graduate student mentors. Students will get to work with cutting-edge research tools in science, engineering, and technology.</p> <p>The program is competitive and provides a paid opportunity for selected students to engage in research activities, participate in weekly professional development workshops, and present their research at a student research symposium. Participants are required to produce a final report that documents their outcomes and submit it to the project advisor and the Engineering Undergraduate Research Office (EURO).</p> <p>Eligible applicants include undergraduate students enrolled at Purdue University, other U.S. institutions, and international institutions.</p>
Acquirable Competencies (Multiple selections allowed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competency 1 – Foundational (Basic) Knowledge in Semiconductor Engineering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competency 2 – Foundational (Basic) Knowledge in Semiconductor Industry and Business <input type="checkbox"/> Competency 3 - Ability to Manage/Understand Diversity, Equity and Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competency 4 - Gain Global/Inter-Cultural Competencies including International Mindset, Inter- Cultural Competence, Collaboration and Teamwork, Communication Skills, and Leadership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competency 5 - Hands-on Experiences of Semiconductor Industry Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competency 6 - Research Application Skills
Study Hours	40 hours per week
Information about Accommodation	All students are expected to secure their own housing. We recommend exploring the Summer Residences Housing and Summer Intern Housing options available on campus. <b>Resources are available to help students explore housing options.</b>

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Program Website & Other Information	<p><b>Surf:</b> <a href="https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/students/about-SURF">https://engineering.purdue.edu/Engr/Research/EURO/students/about-SURF</a>  <b>Upwards:</b> <a href="https://engineering.purdue.edu/semiconductors/upwards">https://engineering.purdue.edu/semiconductors/upwards</a></p>