

FSU-ORNL Undergraduate Research Opportunity (FSU-ORNL URO)

**for summer internships at the
Oak Ridge National Laboratory**

Deadline to Apply: October 15, 2026

Apply at https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ahsMuRt8bPknnlY

Program Mission. Florida State University (FSU) is one of eight core university partners to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) – one of the largest national research facilities in the world. The URO program, offered for the 2nd consecutive year, aims to strengthen the FSU-ORNL connections and expose FSU undergraduate students to the unique research environment and tools available on the national lab site.

Eligibility. The applicant must be a current FSU undergraduate student with good standing in the program. Students who are graduating in 2027 are not eligible to apply. Nevertheless, there are other programs through which ORNL internships can be pursued. Those opportunities can be found at education.ornl.gov.

Internship Summary. Every summer, the ORNL site hosts interns from all over the nation to conduct cutting-edge research in energy-related sciences and other fields. A limited number of students will be sponsored jointly through the FSU-ORNL URO program, which will run for 10 weeks, from May 25 to July 30, 2027. ORNL's Office of Research Education will ensure that the FSU students selected through this URO program are matched with mentors and receive internship funding.

Financial Support. The award will provide a stipend of \$1,000 per week and cover a round trip to ORNL. Interns will have to cover their housing and subsistence from the stipend they receive.

Relationship to Other Programs. If you explore education.ornl.gov and other web sites, you will find that interns can come to ORNL through several programs. *Applying to FSU-ORNL URO does not preclude you from applying directly to other internship offerings, but if selected for the URO program, you will need to choose, so that we can use the funding for another student if you have already obtained a position.*

HOW TO APPLY. Create a single PDF file that contains the following elements:

Step 1 – Prepare: For all students, regardless of whether applying through the education.ornl.gov portal or through this FSU-ORNL URO program, an application is stronger if you have a good idea of what topics interest you, and especially if you have gotten the interest of an ORNL scientist/mentor.

To begin, use the Mentor Catalogue at www.chem.fsu.edu/qist/ornl-mentor-catalog.html, to explore the mentors who are seeking interns for the summer. Use Narrow the List tool to find researchers that match your major and interests. Pay attention to restrictions on citizenship. Then peruse the descriptions of the mentors and their research and create a list of researchers with whom you would like to meet.

Step 2 – Apply: Submit your application at https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ahsMuRt8bPknnlY. The application will require the following elements (prepare them ahead of time):

- A resume (2 pages max.)
- A personal statement (2 pages max.)
- An unofficial undergrad. transcript

Step 3 – Virtual Internship Fair: The students awarded the internship will be invited to schedule a virtual meeting with the potential mentors for the week of Nov 16-20, to finalize their internship assignments.

The fellowship recipients will be announced by October 31, 2026.

Any questions about the program can be directed to Dr. Michael Shatruk at mshatruk@fsu.edu.