



## The Fels Institute Biomedical Research Undergrad (FELS-BR-U) Program

Call for applications and fillable Application sheet:

### About the Program

The Fels Biomedical Research Undergrad (FELS-BR-U) Program is conceived to provide opportunities in research for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds with an interest in pursuing a career in the biomedical research. Individuals from these backgrounds majoring in Biochemistry, Biology, Genomic Medicine, Neuroscience, Bioengineering, and chemistry are encouraged to apply

The FELS-BR-U Program is a paid, year-round research-intensive program that includes (1) research training under the supervision of pre-selected faculty mentors; and (2) programming related to personal and career development. **The goal is for students to develop the research and professional skills necessary to be competitive for research fellowship/programs, graduate school and the research workforce.**

### Application

Eligible\* undergraduate students are encouraged to apply by e-mailing a complete application to the Program Directors at [fels-BR-U-applications@temple.edu](mailto:fels-BR-U-applications@temple.edu)

Applicants are asked to submit a complete **Application Information Sheet** along with a Resume and a current copy of their transcript.

### Compensation Information:

Part-time during the Fall semester (up to \$1920, for 16 weeks, hourly rate is 10\$/h)#

Part-time during the Spring semester (up to \$1920, for 16 weeks, hourly rate is 10\$/h)#

Full-time training in the Summer (up to \$6000 for 3 months, ~15 weeks, hourly rate is 10\$/h)

**\*Eligibility:** Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, defined as those who meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

- i. Grew up in one of the following areas:
  1. a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>

### OR

2. a HPSA Low-Income ZIPS Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zip codes are included in the file at <https://www.qhpcertification.cms.gov/s/LowIncomeandHPSAZipCodeListingPY2020.xlsx?v=1>)

Only one of the two **above** possibilities can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.

- ii. Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants
- iii. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree. See <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>
- iv. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Definition: <https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>
- v. Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families (Definition: <https://acf.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care>)

- vi. Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years.  
Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/schoolmeals/income-eligibility-guidelines>
- vii. Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child  
(Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements>)

More information about the program can be found at: <https://medicine.temple.edu/FELS-BR-U>

## **Fels Institute Biomedical Research Undergrad (FELS BR-U) Program fillable form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please limit all responses to a maximum of 4 sentences**

1. Please describe your research interests and any research experience (research experience is not required):

2. Explain how the Fels BR-U2 program will help you to achieve your career goals.

3. Explain how you meet eligibility for the program and any challenges that you have faced in your academic or personal history.