



# MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

## Research Experiences for Undergraduates

### Botany and Conservation Biology

June 8 – August 14, 2026



**What:** The Missouri Botanical Garden is pleased to announce the 2026 Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program, which will provide research training for 8 students for 10 weeks during the summer. Students will work on independent mentored projects in botany and conservation biology. Subjects of available projects include taxonomy and systematics of flowering plants and mosses, population genetics, conservation biology, and restoration ecology.

**Where:** The Missouri Botanical Garden occupies 79 acres in St. Louis. Students will have access to an herbarium of 7.5 million specimens, an excellent botanical library, rich garden collections, laboratories with facilities for plant anatomy, microscopy, digital imaging, and DNA analysis, and the Shaw Nature Reserve – a 2,400+ acre ecological preserve featuring prairie, forest, glades, wetlands, and 14 miles of hiking trails. Housing will be in Garden apartments a block from the main research building.

**Who:** Undergraduates returning to their program in the fall following the REU. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Students from schools with limited research infrastructure are especially encouraged to apply. Selection will be based on demonstrated interest, ability to work independently, relevant coursework and experience, and potential to benefit from the program.

**Benefits:** Weekly stipend of \$700, housing, food allowances, transportation, and supplies for research are provided.

**Application Deadline:** February 28, 2026

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