



## Undergraduate Research Prize Awards Summer 2021

The Harvard Origins of Life Initiative is again offering Summer Undergraduate Research Prize Awards of up to \$5,000 per undergraduate. The purpose of this prize award is to encourage talented undergraduates to conduct origins-related research under the mentorship of a faculty member or senior scientist in the Origins of Life Initiative.

Awardees in our summer program will gain (i) the opportunity for intellectual growth in a strong supportive community of Harvard Origins faculty, researchers and peers (ii) access to further research opportunities (iii) the opportunity to participate in workshops, seminars and activities.



Please note: Given the COVID safety requirements on campus, please visit the [SEAS & FAS Division of Science: Coronavirus FAQs](#) site for guidance and eligibility. Students graduating in the spring of 2021 are eligible.

A complete list of Origins member-mentors and links to their professional websites can be found at the following site: <http://origins.harvard.edu/people/research-faculty>

### **Application Process:**

- 1) Please review the mentors' websites. If you determine that your research interests are compatible, please contact the faculty member or senior scientist directly, expressing your interest in working with him or her on an Origins-related research project as part of the Origins Summer Undergraduate Research Prize Award program.
- 2) If the mentor agrees, please ask him or her to email a brief ½ page statement of the proposed research project, including a provision for lab space, to Kelly Colbourn, Associate Director, at [kelly.colbourn@cfa.harvard.edu](mailto:kelly.colbourn@cfa.harvard.edu).
- 3) Please email Kelly a copy of your CV, as well as a proposed working title for your summer research project.
- 4) All applications must be submitted by: Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 5) Applications will be reviewed by the Origins of Life Initiative Faculty Council. We expect to inform applicants of the Council's decisions by: Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Please note:** The award is a stipend only and does not include housing. Recipients will be responsible for making their own housing arrangements.