

# 2026 Summer Research Experience in Biology! Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL)

10 WEEK SUMMER SESSION (10 CREDITS)

JUNE 9–AUGUST 14, 2026

**PROGRAM:** Students live full-time onsite at the field station. Each student designs and conducts a research project, mentored by a RMBL scientist. Most projects are conducted outside in the mountain environment and focus on answering questions in plant and animal ecology and evolution, behavior, pollination, global change, ecosystems, and aquatic biology. As a cohort, students also participate in career and scientific skills workshops and may select either Full-time Independent Research OR combine Independent Research with an 8-day short course (Rocky Mountain Ecosystems or Rocky Mountain Wildlife).



**Students at all levels of research experience are encouraged to apply!** **About RMBL:** RMBL is a premier high-altitude field station for biological research and education, located in Gothic, Gunnison County, Colorado at 9,500 feet in elevation. In summer, the RMBL community consists of ~200 people- scientists, students, and staff. The facilities in Gothic include a dining hall and community center, rustic and modern cabins for housing, research laboratories and infrastructure, and access to thousands of acres of lands for studies. *RMBL provides equal opportunities in science and education and is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in relation to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status or disability.*

**NSF-REU AWARDS:** Students may apply for an NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) award. This award covers the full Program Fee and provides a \$7000 stipend and \$400 in travel expenses. Preference given to students who demonstrate a strong interest in field biology research, have high potential to succeed in a research program, are currently enrolled in a community college or have limited access to research opportunities, are first-generation college students, and/or have high financial need. Ten students will receive REU awards. Eligibility requirements are on the RMBL website. Students who do not receive REU awards will be considered for RMBL scholarships, using the same application.

**FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS:** The majority of students who enroll at RMBL receive financial aid in the form of a scholarship. Students may apply for RMBL Scholarships to defray a portion of the Program Fee. Please do not hesitate to apply if you have financial need. The application includes a Financial Aid Form.

**PROGRAM FEE:** For those students who have outside funds available (personal funds or financial aid/scholarship/internship support from their school) the Program Fee is \$10,000. This program fee is all-inclusive: Education Program tuition + onsite housing + all meals for the 10-week session.

**APPLY NOW!** Application is **DUE February 13, 2026** for students applying for REU awards, RMBL scholarships, and general admission. RMBL will accept late applications until April 1, 2026 (or until program is full) for students not requesting REU or financial support from RMBL.

For more information on the summer research experience & education program, mentors and research projects, and to access the online application, go to the **STUDENT** tab at [www.rmbl.org](http://www.rmbl.org)

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