

2026 EPIC SEIFERT SCHOLARS SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

We are excited to share that applications are now open for the 2026 EPIC Seifert Scholars Summer Undergraduate Research Program. We invite your help in identifying outstanding candidates for this prestigious opportunity.

This program is designed to give undergraduate students the chance to spend ten weeks (May 20–July 31) conducting cutting-edge research in the lab of an EPIC faculty member ([see faculty list](#)). Thanks to the generous support of the Seifert family, each selected scholar will receive a \$4,200 stipend while engaging in hands-on research, collaborating with faculty and peers, and deepening their understanding of eukaryotic pathogens.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with students in your network—especially those already working with you—as a summer of focused research can be transformative for their academic and career paths.

Applicants must be enrolled at Clemson University and have at least one semester of coursework remaining before graduation. Since the Scholars program is intended to create new opportunities, preference will go to students who have not previously served as Scholars.

For questions or additional information, please contact Dr. Kerry Smith at kssmith@clemson.edu or Nicki Clark-Mount at nicolec@clemson.edu.



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Directions: To apply for the Summer 2026, please complete the following information and submit electronically to (nicolec@clemson.edu) by FEBRUARY 13, 2026.

Preferred Name:

Preferred Email:

Phone:

Department:

Please enter your major(s):

GPA:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Post-graduate Degree Plans (PhD, MD, PhD/MD, Other):

Please select a research mentor:

Number of academic semesters that you have participated in research (including current semester):

Number of prior summers that you have participated in research:

Previous research experiences (250 word limit):

Post-graduate education plans (100 word limit):

How being a Seifert Scholar in preferred lab will contribute to your career goals (200 word limit):

Brief description of your research project (1000 word limit):

Please provide the names and emails of two individuals who will provide recommendation letters (One must be a current or former research advisor):

Please attach: CV/resume (2 pages or less), Clemson transcript (unofficial), and any non-Clemson transcripts