

## LLF Fellowship Application FAQs

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### What is a Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF) Fellowship?

- All LLF fellowships offer a paid, full-time internship of 10-12 weeks at [Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory](#) (LLNL). This full-time engagement requires a commitment of about 40 hours per week, typically between late May and early September.

### What is the Livermore Lab Foundation and how is it associated with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)?

- The [Livermore Lab Foundation](#) (LLF) was established in 2016 as an independent key philanthropic partner with [Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory](#) (LLNL), providing mechanisms for public and private investments, grants and philanthropic gifts that support research, innovation, workforce and STEM education initiatives at the Lab. The Foundation also has an affiliation agreement with the University of California, and collaborates with many other academic institutions. Beyond STEM fellowships, the Foundation supports research-related activities in three key areas: climate resilience, neurodegenerative disease, and fusion.

### What are the benefits of working at a national laboratory, such as LLNL?

- As a summer intern at LLNL, you'll dive into world-class research and work directly with premier scientists and engineering mentors on projects that use the latest technology and innovation. You'll receive a hands-on learning experience and contribute to real-world projects with national and global impact. Plus, you'll grow your network in the STEM field, gaining mentorship and building relationships with like-minded peers.

### When is the application window for the LLF Fellowship?

- The application opens on November 1, 2024, and closes on January 10, 2025 at midnight PST. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted. The link to the application can be found on [LLF's website](#). Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) to stay informed during the application process.

### Who is eligible to apply for an LLF Fellowship?

- Candidates should be rising undergraduate juniors or seniors for the 2025-26 academic year at an accredited United States university/college. While graduate and PhD students are welcome to apply, undergraduate students will be given preference.
- Current community college students anticipating transfer to a four-year institution as juniors in Fall 2025 are eligible to apply for LLF fellowships. Even if you haven't finalized your transfer plans, feel free to apply. If selected, you'll need to inform LLF of your chosen institution.

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- Applicants must be residing in the United States during the term of the fellowship and have eligibility to work within the United States. U.S. Citizenship is not required.
- Candidates should be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. An unofficial college or university transcript is required from final candidates being considered for a fellowship prior to selection.
- Candidates must not have previous employment at LLNL. Our fellowships aim to encourage students who haven't yet had the opportunity to work at LLNL, helping them get a foot in the door.
- Candidates must be able to pass a background check and fingerprinting to work onsite at LLNL and complete mandatory LLNL training.

### What makes for a competitive LLF Fellowship candidate?

- LLF values candidates who demonstrate initiative, drive, and a commitment to taking full advantage of the opportunities an LLF fellowship offers. Special consideration is given to candidates who are first-generation college students, and/or from traditionally underrepresented groups in STEM fields (women, minorities, and persons with disabilities), and with demonstrated financial need. We encourage applicants to visit our [STEM page](#) to learn more about our previous fellows and their summer research.

### How much are LLF Fellowship awards?

- Awards are commensurate with LLNL's pay structure and vary depending on a number of factors (student academic level, duration of engagement, Lab funding, etc). Full-time summer fellowships range from \$10-20K.

### Are LLF Fellowships in-person?

- The majority of LLF Fellowships require in-person attendance at the Lab's Livermore campus, at least 3 days/week and sometimes 4-5 days/week. Some fellowships may be hybrid, depending on the mentor's preference and project requirements. Regardless of the format, a mandatory in-person LLF Fellows Week is held in June, and all students are required to attend LLF's Student Showcase (poster session event) near the end of the summer (early August).

### What is LLF Fellows Week?

- LLF Fellows Week offers a unique, curated introduction to LLNL for our annual student cohort. Students are encouraged to make the most of their time at the Lab by building connections with peers and mentors, gaining new skills and pursuing career development opportunities. This album contains photos and highlights from the 2024 LLF Fellows Week, [linked here](#).

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### When will I find out if I have been accepted into the program?

- Candidates selected for interviews (via Zoom) will be contacted by LLF by late January/early February 2025. Final fellowship decisions will be made by early March 2025, and all candidates will be notified of their status whether or not they are selected.

### Does my professor need to submit his/her/their Letter of Recommendation directly to LLF?

- Please have your recommendation letter sent directly to you. You will need to upload the letter of recommendation along with the other application materials in the LLF Google Form. There is no need to provide a separate link to the person providing your recommendation. Please note that teaching assistants and/or other non-academic university/college staff do not qualify.

### If selected for an LLF Fellowship, will housing be provided?

- Unfortunately, the LLF Fellowship does not include housing. Please note that you must either be within commuting distance to [Livermore, California](#) or be responsible for securing your own housing. Fellows typically find local rooms to rent or share short-term rental spaces with other summer students. Housing in the Livermore and Tri-Valley area (Dublin, Pleasanton, Tracy, etc) can be competitive during the summer months, so we encourage you to start your search as soon as possible, if selected.

### What if I have questions about the application?

- Please direct any questions to [fellowships@livermorelabfoundation.org](mailto:fellowships@livermorelabfoundation.org), and allow 24 hours for a response.

### Where can I learn more about other student opportunities at LLNL?

- Please visit [this page](#) on LLNL's website for additional summer research opportunities.