Livermore Lab FOUNDATION

LLF Fellowship Application FAQs

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 aligned with LLNL's mission and science and technology capabilities.

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 2, 2026, and closes on January 8, 2027 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 2027-28 academic year at an accredited United States university/college.
- Current community college students anticipating transfer to a four-year institution as juniors in Fall 2027 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. However, due to national Laboratory security clearance policies, citizens of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Belarus, China, or Russia are ineligible for placement.
- 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/internships at LLNL or a prior LLF Fellowship.
- Candidates must be able to pass a background check and fingerprinting to work onsite at LLNL and complete mandatory LLNL training. These steps are required for participation; applicants who cannot fulfill them will not be able to take part in the Fellowship.

What makes for a competitive LLF Fellowship candidate?

- Our fellowships are aimed at fostering the STEM journey of undergraduate students, with a special interest in those with low-income/financial need, first-generation college students, and/or those who have overcome adversity. 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?

- LLF Fellowships require in-person attendance at the Lab's Livermore campus. All students are required to attend LLF's Student Showcase (poster session event) in early August.

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 2027. Final fellowship decisions will be made by early March 2027, and all candidates will be notified of their status whether or not they are selected.

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Does my faculty or staff member 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 your recommender prefers to send the letter directly to us instead, they may email it to fellowships@livermorelabfoundation.org with your full name included in the subject line.

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, 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.