

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ATTACHMENT PROGRAMMES (i-RAP)

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the <u>GRO website</u> and <u>i-SP Application Guide</u> for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Course Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

## University of Lausanne Undergraduate Research Programme in Biology and Medicine

(Updated as of December 2023)

| Host University Website: | https://www.unil.ch/summerschools/home/          |
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| Programme Location:      | Lausanne, Switzerland                            |
| Programme Dates:         | 3 July to 28 August 2024                         |
| Application Deadline:    | 31 January 2024, 11.59pm (Central European Time) |
| No. of Placements:       | Selections will be done by UNIL                  |

| ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION |               |  |
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| 1                               | Programme Fee | As one of the selected participant, you will receive a scholarship of approximately <b>CHF 1,500</b> to cover other living expenses.                       |
|                                 |               | Please note that students are advised to bring extra money for expenses<br>above and beyond standard housing and living expenses (e.g. weekend<br>travel). |

| PRO | PROGRAMME DETAILS |  |
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| 2   | Academic Content  | During eight weeks in July and August, the SUR (Summer Undergraduate<br>Research Programme) hosts about 15 Bachelor students from around the<br>world with both biological and medical studies background, or a related<br>discipline with a strong focus on biological sciences. Each participant will<br>perform an individual research project in a different laboratory of the Faculty<br>of Biology and Medicine. This programme aims to attract outstanding<br>motivated students for a research experience that will remain with them for<br>their lifetimes. |
|     |                   | While most of the time is spent in the host lab, each week the students come together for shared academic activities, often with participants of the sister programme at the EPFL. These activities include introductory student research presentations, lectures from faculty members on research topics and their career paths, and career guidance workshops in academia and beyond. At the end of the summer, students present the results of their research on a poster during a joint UNIL/EPFL Symposium and write a final report.                            |
|     |                   | Students also enjoy many social activities, including a hike in the Alps,<br>barbecues, swimming in Lac Léman, and visits to other cities in Switzerland!  |



| 3 | Eligibility<br>Requirements | <ul> <li>NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see <u>GRO website</u> for details.</li> <li>The programme is geared towards students in biology, medicine or a related discipline with a strong focus on biological sciences. Applicants have to complete at least two years of bachelor's degree (and will be enrolling in their third year) at the time of the programme.</li> <li>Students in biology and medicine (excluding – physical therapy, nursery, dentistry and veterinary science) are welcome to apply.</li> </ul> |
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|   |                             | The programme is highly competitive; students are chosen based upon their academic record (typically GPA >3.75 or equivalent, and/or top 5% class ranking), personal statements, and letters of recommendation.<br>For more information, please refer to: <u>https://www.unil.ch/eb-sur/home/menuinst/about-the-sur-programme.html</u> .   |
| 4 | Accommodation               | <ul> <li>Accommodation will be arranged and covered by the programme coordinator.</li> <li>Students will be housed in of one of the UNIL associations in Lausanne, in a mixed (male/female) furnished apartment. They will have either single rooms or double rooms and share a kitchen and bathroom facilities with their fellow participants.</li> <li>The program coordinator will inform participants when the housing assignment is made, how to contact the housing association, and where it is located.</li> </ul>                     |
| 5 | Application<br>Procedure    | Apply via <u>EduRec</u> and the <u>host university's website</u> <b>concurrently</b> . You must accept both the EduRec offer as well as the host university offer to confirm your participation in this programme.   |



| 6 | Course Mapping | If you are interested in obtaining credit, you can start the course mapping process after you apply in EduRec and accept the offer for the programme.<br>Note that all mapping requests are subjected to approval by the Faculties.  |
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|   |                | <ul> <li>Please also note the following:</li> <li>Students may map up to a maximum of 10 units for each summer programme and up to a maximum of 5 units for each winter programme. Course mapping will be subject to approval from the respective Faculties/Schools.</li> </ul>  |
|   |                | • Of the units approved for mapping, a total of 12 units from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional units mapped will be subjected to NUS Special Term fees. For details, visit the <u>NUS Registrar</u> <u>Office's website</u> . |
|   |                | <ul> <li>Questions about course mapping approval and the number of units you<br/>can map without having to pay tuition? Please contact the SEP<br/>coordinator at your <u>home faculty</u>.</li> </ul>   |

| ADI | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION |   |
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| 7   | Visa Application       | <ul> <li>Holders of a Singapore passport do not require a visa for visits to the</li> <li>Switzerland lasting up to 90 days. For other nationalities, please enquire with</li> <li>the Embassy of Switzerland in Singapore for visa requirements.</li> <li>UNIL will provide assistance to all students who require visas to Switzerland.</li> <li>The scholarship does not cover visa fees for accepted applicants.</li> </ul> |
| 8   | Travel Advisories      | Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.   |
| 9   | Student Insurance      | Insurance coverage for official NUS trips is provided for your participation in this programme.   |
| 10  | Contact<br>Information | Questions about the programme? Contact the host university at: <a href="mailto:sur@unil.ch">sur@unil.ch</a><br>Questions specific to NUS Global? Contact us at: <a href="mailto:global@nus.edu.sg">global@nus.edu.sg</a>  |