

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT RMBL, 2010

Goal

The primary goal of this program is to help students become scientists.

Timeline (Onsite approximately June 7-Aug 15)

May 1	Let RMBL office know travel plans
June 23	Written proposal due
June 23&24	Oral proposals
Aug. 9	Symposium
~Aug. 13	Written paper due 2 days before you leave Gothic.

Summer expectations

- We expect you to conduct an independent research project, supervised by a scientist.
- You will present your proposed research, both orally and in written form.
- You will present your results at a symposium at the end of the summer.
- You will write a paper in the scientific format describing your results. You will need to turn in two copies of the paper to the coordinator. Title pages should include reference to the appropriate program (either Independent Research or Advanced Independent Research / REU), mentor name, the year, title, and student's name on the front.
- Advanced independent research students should work on average roughly 40 hours/week; Independent research students should work on average over the course of the summer, 32 hours/week (80% time) on a research project and 8 hours/week (20% time) on a course.
- You should participate fully in the educational program, including statistics and discussion sessions.
- Students with REU awards are required to attend Monday night journal clubs and one of the Thursday discussions each week.
- Students receiving RMBL scholarships are required to maintain the equivalent of a 'B' average to keep their scholarships. Performance will be reviewed mid-way through the summer and students not in compliance will be asked to leave the field station at their own expense.
- You should spend 10 weeks in residence in Gothic, unless prior arrangements have been made with your mentor and the science director. REU students spending less than ten weeks in residence will have their stipends reduced accordingly.
- We ask you to let us know what career you pursue after leaving Gothic (e.g. grad school, med school, alternative careers, etc.).
- We ask students to fill out and submit an online evaluation of the education program before leaving.

Things you should know

- You will receive an official acceptance letter by email, including a link to important information about the Lab.
- We expect your mentor to meet with you on at least a weekly basis throughout the summer.
- Students will not receive their grade from RMBL until the Educational Program Final Checklist is completed, including submission of two copies of the final paper and metadata.
- Similarly, students with REU awards will not receive their final paycheck until the Educational Program Final Checklist is completed, including submission of two copies of the final paper and metadata.
- If you are having any problems, feel free to discuss them with your mentor, the Coordinator, or the Science Director, whoever is most appropriate.
- You will eat meals in the dining hall when the dining hall is open. If you schedule your stay such that the dining hall is not open the whole time, we will make arrangements for you to have access to a cooking cabin, but you will need to pay for and cook your own meals.
- Independent Research students have \$115 to spend on supplies; Advanced Independent Research Students have \$150 to spend on supplies. You will need to turn in receipts to Billy Barr to be reimbursed. Specify that the expenses are to be charged to your Research Expenses account.

- **You should contact your mentor about the dates you will be at the lab before making travel arrangements. Most students are at RMBL June 7-Aug.15, but there are a few exceptions.**
- Students with REU awards will receive a stipend and reimbursement for travel expenses, as outlined in their acceptance letter.
- Once you know your travel plans, please email them to the Operations Manager at admin@rmb1.org.
- You will learn how to work independently as part of this project. While you will receive some assistance from your mentor and the coordinator, it is largely up to you to make the project a success.