

The following are the longer questions on the RMBL application. It may be helpful to prepare your responses beforehand and then copy and paste into the application:

1. **Barriers to Career Development.** Our goal is to provide opportunities for undergraduates and post-baccalaureates primarily from institutions with limited research opportunities to participate in research and explore science-based careers. Are there aspects of your personal situation that have limited your research opportunities or career development, including but not limited to financial need, background, or how you identify yourself? If so, please explain. If not, write 'none'.
2. **Completed Essay.** Please explain your interest in field biology in the mountains and why participating in research at RMBL is a priority for you. You may explain how this program will impact you and your education and career development. You may describe how aspects of your personal situation tie into your science journey. Scientific studies are often difficult, tedious, and conducted outdoors under sometimes harsh conditions. We are looking for students with the mental and intellectual maturity to commit to hard work and with the ability to deal with a variety of novel situations. Please address how your personal qualities have prepared you to make a positive contribution to a research team at RMBL.
3. There are no right or wrong answers to the following questions. We are looking for students from a diversity of backgrounds who could benefit from this experience. If you are accepted, your responses will be used to help match you with a mentor.

We are looking for students whose priority is a summer research experience in the mountains. Give an example that proves your dedication and sincere enjoyment of doing research outside in a natural environment. (100 word limit)

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Describe how your experience at RMBL would fit into this trajectory. (40 word limit)

Describe a situation in which you've failed at something. How did you deal with the failure? (100 word limit)

Give a scenario of when you have been in a physically uncomfortable situation (e.g. bad weather, insects, outdoors etc.) and how you were able to tolerate the conditions. (100 word limit)

How would your friends or family describe you? Include both positive qualities and some thing you'd like to improve about yourself. (40 word limit)

Describe an experience where a teacher or mentor helped you learn and grow. (100 word limit)