YURA listings FAQ

- What months are undergraduates available to work?
  - This will vary student to student, but most students will be available part time during the school year. Some students may be able to stay on for summer internships through various mechanisms (funding through Yale internships or external funding or the lab could agree to pay them). Many students will not be on campus during winter break. Undergraduates should be expected to log fewer hours during busy times such as exams at the end of the semester.

- How long can undergrads stay in the lab each day/each week?
  - Typical is ~10 hrs/week. This will be schedule-specific since undergrads have a heavy course load and postdocs/grad students will have different experimental constraints for what is needed.

- What skills/knowledge can we expect undergrads to have?
  - This will vary among students but many undergraduates will not have previous research experience.

- Should these positions be paid or volunteer?
  - Either, but this should be explicitly discussed when making arrangements. There are volunteer and credit options if the lab cannot provide compensation. The setup typically depends on the lab and what kind of funding they have or what policy they have surrounding paying undergraduate research assistants. There are also some fellowship opportunities through Yale, such as those listed here: https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu/yale-science-engineering-research/fellowship-grants and https://science.yalecollege.yale.edu/stars

- What classes provide credit for undergraduate research?
  - This varies department to department. Undergrads should consult their department website/academic advisors and major requirements. Typically research for credit needs to be established at the beginning of a semester like any formal course.

- Are there any reporting/presenting requirements of undergrads in these classes?
  - If the credit is for a senior thesis, then definitely. Otherwise, it may vary department to department.

- What kind of training prerequisites are there for undergraduate researchers?
  - This depends on the type of research. There are typically EH&S required online training modules for laboratory safety prior to working in a lab. There will be additional required training and approval on protocols if you work with human subjects or vertebrate animals. Fill out the compliance assessment at: https://bmsweb.med.yale.edu/tms/tmspage to determine what training is needed. Contact EH&S for more details.

If you are a postdoctoral scholar with a specific question about this initiative, please email ypa@yale.edu with “YURA” in the subject line.