Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)
REU students and UW policy on student access to campus facilities and services

NSF offers funding to institutions to support the involvement of undergraduate students with research programs. The students are provided stipends and in some cases, funding for housing and travel. The University of Washington makes the student selections for these opportunities.

NSF has instituted some policies with respect to REU funding. In particular, NSF states “An REU Site may not charge an application fee. An REU Site may not charge students tuition, or include tuition in the proposal budget, as a requirement for participation (although it is permissible to offer students the option of earning academic credit for participation). An REU site may not charge students for access to common campus facilities such as libraries or athletic facilities.”

In order to comply with this NSF policy, the University of Washington, as an REU site, offers some services and common campus facilities for free to REU students and other facilities on a pay-per-use basis. Please see the FAQs below for more information.

FAQs

Q1. Can REU students acquire a UW NetID and UW email?
A1. Yes. A REU student can establish a UWNETID since they have an appointment in OPUS for their stipend. In the NetID set-up they select, “UW faculty, staff, retiree or affiliate employee.” They can then acquire a UW email address and access MYUW with their NetID.

Q2. Can REU students get a Husky ID card?
A2. No. They are ineligible because they are not registered at the University of Washington.

Q3. Can REU students get a card to use for the UW libraries?
A4. Yes. The Library Account Services office will provide a borrower’s card at no charge. The student will need to bring photo ID to the Library Account Services office.

Q4. Can REU students become a member of the IMA?
A4. Yes. REU students are not automatically charged for this facility. Membership is discretionary as it is for all users. For access to IMA, REU students may register and will need to pay-per-use or pay quarterly membership fee. http://www.washington.edu/ima/membership/information/

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