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1. Apply directly to your Texas A&M REU program of interest
2. Once accepted, send an email to REU@science.tamu.edu to let us know you’re interested in joining Summer Scholars

**LUNCH AND LEARN**

Summer Scholars are encouraged to attend free informal lunch discussions (see schedule online) featuring university administrators and other special guests who present on a variety of topics and focus areas, including:

- **Finding money** for graduate school
- **Effective presentation skills** to get the next job, grant or internship.
- **Cultural connections** such as Hispanic and Black Association of Former Students Networks
- **What do to for fun?** on campus and in the College Station/Bryan area

**NETWORK WITH THE BEST**

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**GET CONNECTED!**

Go beyond the research-relevant basics and gain exposure to professional development, social activities, and other events equally vital to your professional and personal growth.

See you in June!