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SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR PRE-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

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- Graduate school applications and test fees.
- Participating in a summer research experience at a doctoral-granting institution to receive exposure to the world of research in their chosen field.

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