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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN RESEARCH
As a member of an Oak Ridge National Laboratory research team, you’ll partner with a staff scientist and contribute significantly to the design and methodological approach of research activity. Research is at the core of the program, and you’ll typically devote at least 35 hours per week to the project.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

DATES
Fall semester (late August - mid-December)

HOST INSTITUTION
The Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is a U.S. Department of Energy multiprogram laboratory in Tennessee focused on national and global energy and environmental issues. Its mission is to conduct basic and applied research and development in order to advance the nation’s energy resources, environmental quality, and scientific knowledge. Research projects cover wide-ranging areas in biology, chemistry, physics, and interdisciplinary studies. A list of research areas at Oak Ridge is available at www.ornl.gov.

HOUSING
Students live in an apartment complex in the Oak Ridge area and typically receive a significant stipend and housing allowance, contingent on funding.

COURSES/CREDITS
Recommended credit is 12-16 semester credits or the equivalent.

- Research: Work on a specific project under the guidance of an ORNL staff scientist.
- Interdisciplinary Seminar: An introduction to ORNL and its research programs, this seminar also serves as a forum for students to present their own research data for discussion and comment.
- Advanced Course: Students choose between select courses taught by the resident GLCA/ACM faculty or by ORNL staff scientists. (optional)

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