

Northwestern | McCORMICK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Career Development

Engineering Research Experience Program – Graduate Students



Gain relevant research experience to put on your resume



Your research experience will appear on your official transcript!



Get feedback from your supervisor through a performance evaluation!



The research course is CPT eligible for International Students



The research course is free and maintains your full-time student status if you do research during the academic year.



Get more personalized career advising!

What is the Engineering Research Experience Program?

By participating in the Engineering Research Experience Program, Northwestern engineering students who are interested in career paths in research and academia have the opportunity to engage in a formal engineering research experience, either at a university (including Northwestern University) or a government laboratory. In order for an experience to qualify for the program, students must be doing research under the supervision of a Primary Investigator (PI).

Who Can Participate in the Engineering Research Experience Program?

Graduate students in good academic standing may participate in the Engineering Research Experience Program. Students may participate in this program during ANY quarter of the year. You will be enrolled as a fulltime student, with no tuition charges.

How Do I Participate in the Engineering Research Experience Program?

- 1) Attend the MS Career Bootcamp
- 2) Work with a Career Development Advisor to create a strategy for your search
- 3) Interview and/or meet with organizations or agencies in which you are interested
- 4) Accept an offer
 - a. Make sure that you have a supervisor who can evaluate your contributions to the research project
- 5) Report your hire in McCormickConnect and schedule a registration meeting with your Career Advisor
- 6) After your meeting, your advisor will enroll you in the zero-credit Engineering Research Experience course (CRDV413-x)
- 7) Submit an evaluation of your experiences for a Satisfactory ("S") grade, which does not impact GPA