

Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program Schedule

Department of Physics & Astronomy + Kearns Center

May 26 – August 1, 2026

Below is the schedule of REU program activities that are open to the REU undergraduate research assistants with Physics & Astronomy. Reminders concerning get-togethers will be emailed in advance. Note that all the listed activities below are part of the REU program, and students officially in the REU program are required to participate every week. Optional activities are highlighted in **gray**, and social activities are highlighted in **purple**.

Week	Date	Time	Location	Event
1	Wed., May 27	9:30 AM	B&L 266	Orientation & Welcome for all students doing research in Physics & Astronomy (Breakfast provided)
		10:15 AM	B&L 266	Meet research group
		11:30 AM	Dewey 2-162	Kearns REU & McNair Scholar Orientation
		1:00 PM	Genesee Valley Park	BBQ lunch
	Thurs., May 28	4:00 PM	B&L 266	<i>The Art of Presenting</i> – How do you talk to someone about your work?
2	Tues., June 2	8:30 AM	Dewey 4-162	<i>Writing Your Way to Graduate School</i>
		5:30 PM	Dewey 2-162	Professional Development
	Wed., June 3	9:00 AM	Dewey 4-162	CASC 046
		12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. Alexander Podgorsak – Medical Physics
	Sat., June 6	10:00 AM	Rochester Public Market	Trip to the Rochester Public Market
3	Tues., June 9	8:30 AM	Dewey 4-162	<i>Writing Your Way to Graduate School</i>
		5:30 PM	Dewey 2-162	Professional Development
	Wed., June 10	9:00 AM	Dewey 4-162	CASC 046
		12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. John Nichol – Quantum Computing with Electrons in Semiconductors
	Thurs., June 11	4:00 PM	B&L 266	<i>The Art of Presenting</i> – Taking your audience into account
	Fri., June 12	5:00 PM		Pizza party
4	Tues., June 16	8:30 AM	Dewey 4-162	<i>Writing Your Way to Graduate School</i>
		5:30 PM	Dewey 2-162	Professional Development
	Wed., June 17	9:00 AM	Dewey 4-162	CASC 046
		12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. Dominique Segura-Cox – Observational Astronomy & Star Formation
	Fri., June 19	<i>University holiday</i>		

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5	Mon., June 22	10:00 AM	LLE	Tour of the LLE
	Tues., June 23	8:30 AM	Dewey 4-162	<i>Writing Your Way to Graduate School</i>
		5:30 PM	Dewey 2-162	Professional Development
	Wed., June 24	9:00 AM	Dewey 4-162	CASC 046
		12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. Kelly Douglass Informal project description / update from everyone (2-3 minutes each); email sentence describing research <i>in advance</i> to Jada (jmiddl10@pas.rochester.edu)
Thurs., June 25	4:00 PM	B&L 266	The Art of Presenting – How do you make a presentation?	
6	Tues., June 30	8:30 AM	Dewey 4-162	<i>Writing Your Way to Graduate School</i>
		5:30 PM	Dewey 2-162	Professional Development
	Wed., July 1	9:00 AM	Dewey 4-162	CASC 046
		12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. Kelly Douglass – Astrophysics & Cosmology with DESI
	Fri., July 3	<i>University holiday</i>		
7	Tues., July 7	8:30 AM	Dewey 4-162	<i>Writing Your Way to Graduate School</i>
		5:30 PM	Dewey 2-162	Professional Development
	Wed., July 8	9:00 AM	Dewey 4-162	CASC 046
		12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. Chris Marshall – The Graduate School Application Process
	Thurs., July 9	4:00 PM	B&L 266	The Art of Presenting – Presenting your work
	Sat., July 11	10:00 AM	Corn Hill	Trip to the Corn Hill Arts Festival
8	Tues., July 14	7:00 PM	Interfaith Chapel	Rita Collective Jazz Concert
	Wed., July 15	12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Bigelow Cooling & Trapping Group members – Laser Cooling & Vortices in Bose Einstein Condensates
	Fri., July 17	12:00 PM	Wilson Quad	Lugia's Ice Cream Social
9	Wed., July 22	12:00 PM	B&L 203H	Lunch w/ Prof. Segev BenZvi – Astrophysical Neutrinos with IceCube
	Thurs., July 23	4:00 PM	B&L 266	The Art of Presenting – Presentation Aesthetics
10	Wed., July 29	9:00 AM	Douglass Ballroom	Kearns Annual Summer Research Symposium (Lunch provided)
	Thurs., July 30	9:00 AM	B&L 106	Physics & Astronomy Summer Symposium (Lunch provided)