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TO: UF/IFAS Researchers
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SUBJECT: UF/IFAS Student Research Opportunities

Each year, the UF/IFAS Dean for Research Office offers the Undergraduate Summer Research Internship Program for UF students to gain valuable experience with mentors within UF/IFAS. This summer, the demand for both projects and positions was very strong. Unfortunately, we were unable to match students to all of the submitted faculty projects.

To help faculty recruit volunteers, we developed a website which will aid students in searching for available research experiences with UF/IFAS research mentors. This site is currently populated with projects submitted to our Summer Intern Program, which we were unable to fund. However, it is now open to new submissions to those of you interested in providing volunteer experience on one or more of your research projects.

If you are interested in hosting student volunteers, please see the student page at <https://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/volunteer/>, which has a link to the submission site. We plan to advertise this site beginning this **Friday, May 26, 2017**. Please provide your information on your projects this week.

We consider this to be a pilot project, and an opportunity to share information broadly about undergraduate research opportunities within UF/IFAS. The pilot will last until December 1st, 2017, at which time we will evaluate the demand for the opportunities you have provided via this platform. If successful, the site will become part of our upcoming, Undergraduate Research page later this year.