The Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Kansas offers a ten-week program for undergraduate students to participate in paid laboratory research. Students will perform independent research under the supervision of faculty members, applying chemical principles to problems involving drugs and related molecules. In Pharmaceutical Chemistry, the emphasis is on promoting the therapeutic effects of the drug or to minimize toxicity by controlling delivery of the drug to specific sites of action. This involves increased attention to physical-organic, physical, biophysical and analytical chemistry.

Students will engage in a full-time research experience in close collaboration with faculty members and graduate students. The program provides an opportunity for students to evaluate the possibility of entering a graduate program in pharmaceutical sciences. As a direct result of the summer undergraduate research experience, many former participants entered graduate schools and successfully completed doctoral degrees. Participants receive basic instruction in laboratory and research techniques including laboratory safety, effective use of a major university science library, and instruction in the first-hand use of specialized laboratory instrumentation of importance to a given research problem.

Who Should Apply
Undergraduates who have completed their junior year by the beginning of the summer are encouraged to apply, but highly qualified sophomore students will be considered. Courses in general, organic and analytical chemistry should be completed before the start of the program.

The University of Kansas is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications are invited from all qualified people regardless of race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, age or veteran status. Applications from minorities and women are especially encouraged.

Stipend, Hours and Academic Credit
Participants will receive a competitive stipend plus room and board costs. Students will enroll and pay fees for one hour of a graduate level course at the University of Kansas for the summer semester and receive academic credit for their research work. Excellent recreation facilities and other University privileges are available to program participants.