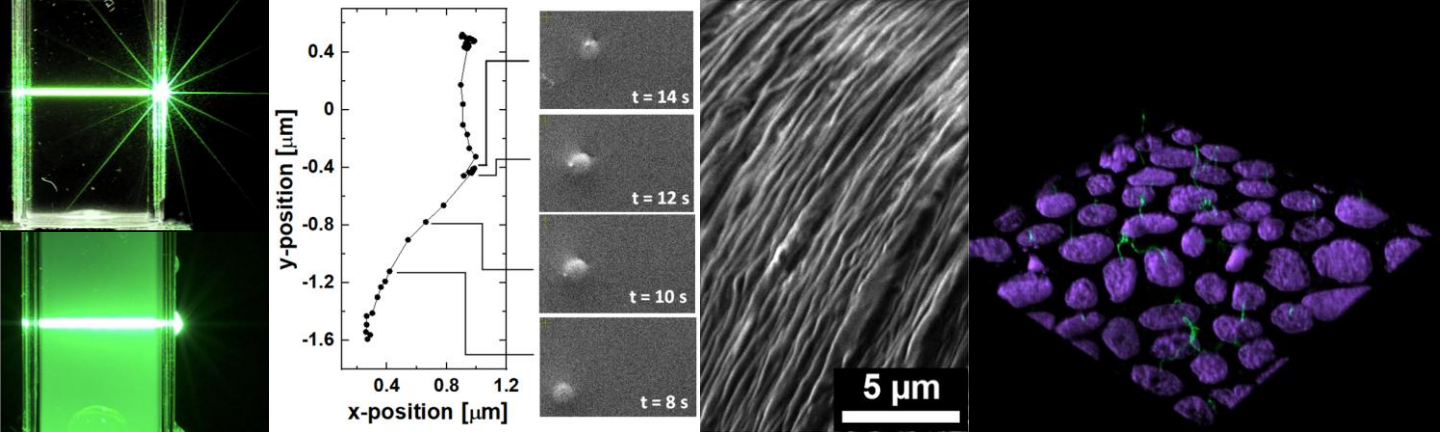




Summer 2026 NSF REU at CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY: *Synthesis, Assembly, and Characterization of Soft Matter*

The departments of Physics and Chemical & Biomedical Engineering at Cleveland State University invite you to experience cutting edge soft matter research in a supportive environment of our Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Program Dates: May 18 – July 24, 2026 (tentatively)

Projects include: electron imaging of soft matter systems; design and characterization of protein-based materials; volume phase transition in polymeric microgels; assembly of anisotropic nanoparticles; effect of polymer grafting on nanorod diffusion; microfluidic channels and mixers; microemulsions in absinthe; cellular microsensatation to fluid flow; waste to energy via chemistry.

Support: \$6000 stipend (for 10 weeks; housing provided at no charge); up to \$500 travel funds to CSU; at least \$500 conference travel funds after completion of REU.

Eligibility: current undergraduate students who are US citizens and permanent residents. Underrepresented minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

Priority application deadline February 16, 2026

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Trip to Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State U.



Trip to NASA Glenn Research Center



At the APS CUWIP conference

