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Research Opportunities for Commuter Students.

Commuter institutions, typically housed in urban areas, have offered flexibility to students by allowing them to work and live off campus while taking college courses. Unfortunately, this flexibility often leads to difficulties in conducting undergraduate research on campus and external employment precludes students from attending traditional summer REUs. To address this issue, we have developed a multi-year research program at Montclair State University, which was designed to engage and accommodate students at a commuter institution. In this talk, we provide the details on student selection, common student preparation, mentor assignments and expectations and past success of the program. (Received September 26, 2006)