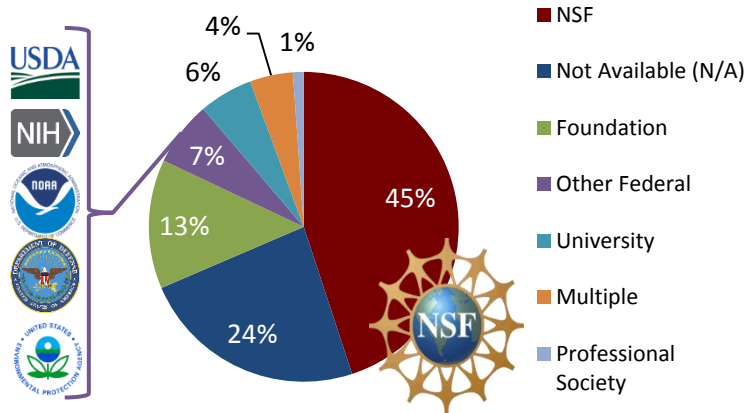


# Natural Resources Undergraduate Research Experience Programs: A first look

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We identified 89 recent (2012-2015) natural resources REU or REU-like programs in North America for preliminary analysis of publicly available data from program advertisements, brochures, and internet sites. Not all data were available. With your help, this information can be expanded and clarified.

## Primary Funding Organization



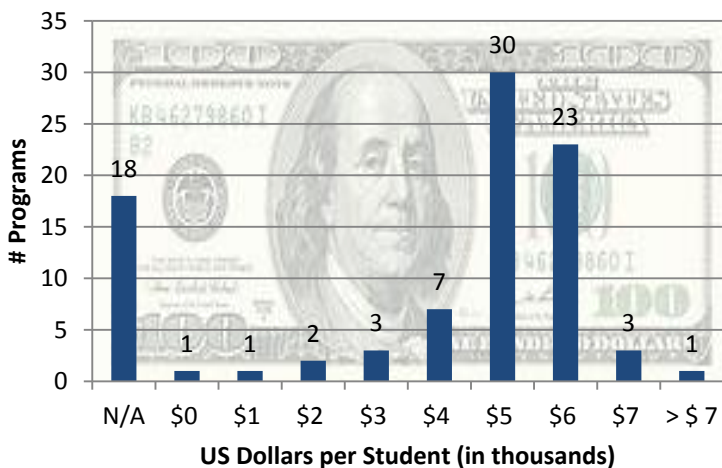
The **National Science Foundation** was the most frequent primary funding organization.

## Mentor Rank

Mentors in programs were either: **faculty** (48), **unspecified** (29), **other staff researchers** (10), or **graduate students** (2).

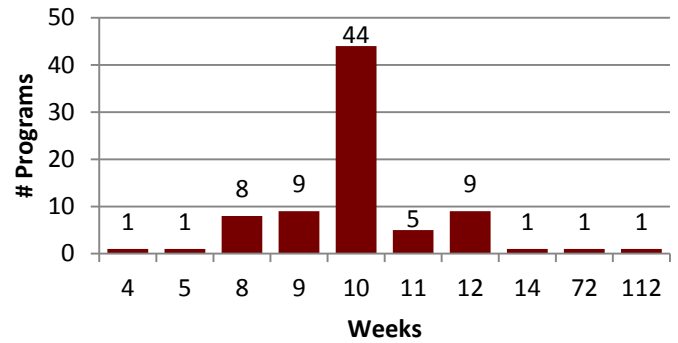


## Financial Compensation



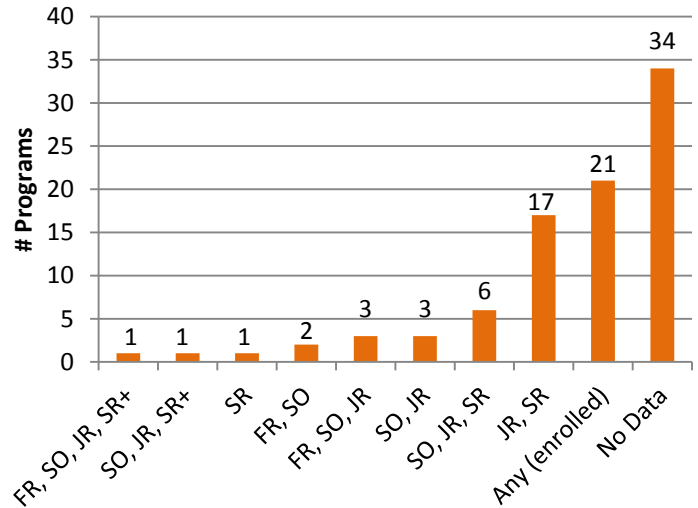
The average financial compensation for undergraduate participants was \$4,800.

## Experience Duration



Programs averaged 9.8 weeks in duration, with half the programs at 10 weeks long.

## Student Eligibility



"Any currently enrolled student" was the most reported category, but eligibility ranged from freshmen (FR) to recent graduates (SR+).

## Additional Metrics

- Site-based (co-located students): 65 programs
- Annual average student cohort size: 7.8
- Housing provided: 38 programs
- Course credit offered: 7 programs
- Deliverables
  - Required presentation: 29 programs
  - Required research paper: 9 programs
- Diversity
  - Available to minorities only: 2 programs
  - Equal opportunity / affirmative action statement: 20