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Dear Rutgers Research Deans,

As you plan your research programs for the summer, the Research Emergency Operations Committee is pleased to announce that **undergraduate student researchers will be permitted in the labs during the Summer 2021 semester.**

For Summer 2021, undergraduate students may participate in research if the research can be conducted safely as endorsed by the Research Advisor and Department Chair or equivalent and safe social distancing requirements are met.

Restrictions related to degree or thesis requirements and endorsement from the student's academic advisor or undergraduate program director have been lifted. However, final approvals will still require any necessary REHS safety trainings.

For the summer cohort, we will continue to process undergraduate student researchers through the [Return to Research Portal](#). **We anticipate the portal to be ready and begin receiving requests for Summer 2021 starting May 1st.** Another communication will be sent out when the system is ready.

Note: Summer program decisions and offers to students can commence independent of the R2R Portal. Once the portal is ready in May, then students can be processed through our system.

The university is still working out the details about undergraduate student researchers requiring overnight stays on campus. More information will be provided as soon as it is available.

Thank you for your continued support as we endeavor to ensure a safe and productive research environment at Rutgers. **Please share this news with your faculty and staff as relevant.**

Best regards,
Return to Research Team