

CPTR Summit 2026

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[Dr. Stokes] Summit is the Summer Undergraduate Mentorship in Metabolism, Innovation and Transcriptomics.	Elijah pouring liquid nitrogen into a container as fog billows up around him Text: SUMMIT Summer Undergraduate Mentorship in Metabolism, Innovation, and Transcriptomics
And it's basically an eight week summer research program for undergraduate students within the center for Post-Transcriptional Regulation,	Jevan pipetting into a gel to prepare a western blot Purple and gold CPTR logo in top corner
and that's a new center we have on campus that's funded by the NSF.	Woman with shoulder length dark hair and black frame glasses, wearing a white lab coat, sitting in front of a microscope Text: Karen Stokes P H D SUMMIT program coordinator
They are doing all this research that will culminate in a poster presentation at the end of this summer.	Hands pipetting onto a gel
[Elijah] I chose to participate in the summit program because I was looking	Montage of summit students presenting their research at a poster presentation
for the chance to get a deeper research opportunity. I've gotten a great insight into what the day to day is like. You know, going from the stages of being a PhD candidate to then going and doing your postdoc,	Elijah at a cryostat cutting a frozen section and placing the specimen on a slide
that's the kind of insight that I wouldn't have gotten if I wouldn't be here getting that experience. So it's been great, and I'm really looking forward to more in the future.	Young man with fair complexion, tousled, curly hair wearing a white lab coat seated at a lab bench Text: Elijah Hunter Junior, L S U Baton Rouge
[Jevan] The Summit program is a great opportunity to see what you want to do and have a little bit more freedom with your research experience.	Jevan looking through a microscope then taking notes on a notepad
You have an opportunity to make your own mark on a project and pursue something that	Young man with medium complexion and dark coily hair. He is wearing a white lab coat, standing at a lab workbench Text: Jevan Dorbor Junior, University of California San Diego

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maybe you haven't had the responsibility of pursuing before, a project that's a new experience for you, that's outside of your comfort zone.	Jevan prepping a sample and pipetting it into a gel frame
I believe that this program has given me a lot of tools and a lot of experience that I can use, and just the Ability to walk around a research institutions such as LSUHS	Montage of Jevan and fellow Summit participants discussing their research in front of their posters at a poster session
and see what kind of technology people have that they're able to use to do more research that I haven't even seen before.	Javan in lab addressing camera
[Elijah] For anybody who's a little bit nervous or feels like they don't have enough experience to jump into this, I would say just go for it.	Elijah in front of his poster talking about his research to a faculty member
It's amazing. I've met so many great, capable people that are my age and also so many people that have guided me towards what,	Elijah in lab talking to camera
you know, I want my career to look like. So if you're nervous, just do it. You can absolutely do it.	Elijah setting up a microscope and looking through the eyepiece