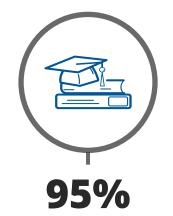
## Long-Term Educational Outcomes of NSF REU Site Participants

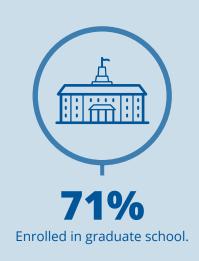
2013 and 2014 cohorts

## What is the REU Program?

The NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) supports hands-on research for undergraduate students in a range of scientific fields. REU opportunities typically engage groups of about 10 students in research projects during the summer at various universities, laboratories, museums, and other research institutions in the United States. Students receive stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel.



Earned a bachelor's degree or higher.



**Among REU** students matching NSC Data\*

4% did not earn a postsecondary degree.

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Institutions

16%

8%

6%





enrolled in graduate school but have not yet earned a graduate 49%

earned a graduate degree (**28%** earned a master's, **17%** earned a doctorate, and **4%** earned a professional degree).

**97%** of bachelor's degree recipients and **93%** of graduate degree recipients obtained degrees in STEM and related fields.

Bachelor's degree recipients	STEM fields in which degrees were received:	Graduate degree recipients
28%	Life Sciences	27%
24%	Physical Sciences	20%
19%	Engineering	21%
13%	Mathematics and Statistics	10%
5% Geoso	ciences, Atmospheric, and Ocean So	ciences 6%
7%	Computer and Information Science	es 5%
6%	Other STEM and STEM-Related Field	ds 5%



## Research

50% received a bachelor's degree from an institution with high or very high research activity.

received a bachelor's degree from a

received a bachelor's degree from a Hispanic-serving institution.

received a bachelor's degree from a Historically Black College or University.

minority-serving institution.

\*Data Sources: National Science Foundation (NSF) administrative data (participants) and National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) (enrollment and graduation outcomes), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System data and Carnegie Graduate Instructional Program Classifications (institution characteristics), and National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Taxonomy of Disciplines (STEM degrees). Notes: This fact sheet summarizes outcomes of 5,088 REU students who participated in an REU Site in either 2013 or 2014 and were matched to NSC data in December 2021, 7-8 years after program participation. The 5,088 students matched represent 54% of all REU Site participants from the 2013 and 2014 cohorts. White (non-Hispanic/Latino) participants are known to be overrepresented in the matched sample used in this analysis.

Percentages don't sum up to 100 due to participants getting degrees in more than one STEM field.