



Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
DNA LEARNING CENTER

The Urban Barcode Research Program



The *Urban Barcode Research Program (UBRP)* is a science education initiative to engage New York City high school students in studying biodiversity using DNA technology. Students (like you!) conduct mentored research projects using DNA barcoding alongside scientist mentors throughout NYC.

The [UBRP application](#) will be open from April 1 – May 27, 2025. After applying, selected students will be invited for an in-person interview at the DNALC NYC in Downtown Brooklyn during the week of July 7-11, 2025. Selected students will then move on to a second round of virtual interviews the week of July 28 - August 1. After two rounds of interviews, 36 students will be accepted to the *UBRP* and will attend a training workshop in August 25-29, 2025. Teams of *UBRP* students will be paired with scientist mentors over the 2025-2026 academic year. Students will participate in all phases of the research process, beginning with project design and culminating in poster presentations at a research symposium.

As part of the *UBRP*:

- Students will attend mandatory training, and additional workshops during the school year.
- Students and mentors will define a work schedule to accomplish a minimum of 55 hours of research during the academic year, and complete their project in time for presentation at the Student Research Symposium in June 2026.
- Students, with help from their mentors, will plan, develop and complete a DNA barcoding project.
- Students who present their research at the Symposium will each receive a \$500 stipend. A portion of the stipend will be paid after training and team pairing, the remainder will be paid after the symposium.

Please see our website for more information: <https://dnabarcoding101.org/programs/ubrp/>

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