How to apply for a Cognitive, Computational and Systems Neuroscience Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (C-SURE) at Washington University

1) Identify suitable Neuroscience faculty member(s) at Washington University (see http://neuroscience.wustl.edu/research/index.php?page=alpha).
2) Complete the attached application form.
3) Have your Registrar send an official copy of your academic transcript (electronic version is fine).
4) Include a brief (1-2 page) *résumé* (also called a *curriculum vitæ* or CV) that summarizes your college, work and research experiences as well as any honors or prizes you have received.
5) Have two people who can evaluate your potential as a scientific researcher send letters of recommendation. These individuals are most likely to be faculty members and should include your Washington University research mentor if you are currently working in a lab.

This application is an electronically fillable form, and applicants are encouraged to send completed application materials electronically via email:

To: ellism@npg.wustl.edu
Subject: C-SURE 2011 Application

Materials that must be sent by mail should be addressed to:

C-SURE Selection Committee
c/o McDonnell Center for Systems Neuroscience
Attn: Michelle Ellis
660 South Euclid Avenue
Campus Box 8111
St. Louis, MO 63110

Applicants to C-SURE should be undergraduates (i.e., rising sophomores, juniors or seniors) currently enrolled at Washington University.

Deadline for receipt of application materials: 5 PM CST, Friday, March 11, 2011.

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Applicant contact information

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Academic History

Institution	Start Date	End Date	Major (if declared)	GPA

Ethnic/Racial Composition (OK to check more than one, or "prefer not to answer")

☐ Hispanic
☐ Non-hispanic
☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ American Indian/Alaskan native
☐ Asian
☐ Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander
☐ Black/African American
☐ White
☐ Prefer not to answer

Are you the first member of your family to attend college?   Yes   No

Recommenders (please include name, email address and professional position):

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Washington University faculty member(s) with whom you may wish to work (applicants already affiliated with a faculty member should indicate so):

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Potential mentors can be found from the list of Neuroscience faculty at Washington University: http://neuroscience.wustl.edu/research/index.php?page=alpha

Depending upon your interests and institution, more than one program at Washington University may be appropriate for you. Please indicate to which (if any) of the following programs you also intend to apply:

☐ Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship or SURF (Wash U students only)
☐ Imaging Sciences Fellowship (Wash U students only)
☐ BioMed RAP (non-Wash U students only)
☐ Aging REU
☐ Amgen Scholars Program
☐ Other (please list here) _____

The program will run from May 31 to August 5, 2011. If you will not be available for the entire duration of C-SURE, please describe any restrictions on your schedule:

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The research and scheduled educational components are intended to be pursued full-time during the course of the program. Please initial here to indicate your understanding that no courses or employment are to be pursued during the program.

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Presenting your research at the Washington University Undergraduate Research Symposium, the Midstates Consortium Symposium in the Biological Sciences and Psychology, the Midstates Consortium Symposium in the Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science, or at another suitable venue is a requirement of the C-SURE fellowship. Please initial here to indicate your commitment to do so:

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Statement of research interests

Please describe your interest in research related to Cognitive, Computational and Systems Neuroscience. What topics and methods are you particularly keen to work with? Please describe any relevant coursework or previous research experience. Your response should be 1500 words or fewer and can be attached on separate pages. Washington University undergraduates currently in a CCSN laboratory should also indicate whether they are applying to continue their research project or whether they are applying to be placed into the laboratory of a different CCSN faculty member.

Personal Statement

Briefly describe your career plans and how research in Cognitive, Computational and Systems Neuroscience fits into them. Feel free to draw upon relevant personal experiences or characteristics. Your response should be 500 words or fewer and can be attached on separate pages.