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JOSH Undergraduate Internships

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM?

I participated in AEOP's Undergraduate Internship program at Fort Detrick USAMRIID, Maryland, in the summer of 2024. A family friend in the industry shared all the wonderful hands-on experiences an intern gets to be a part of.

WHAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS SURPRISED YOU ABOUT THE AEOP PROGRAM?

How involved AEOP is and how highly respected the programs are.

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR AEOP EXPERIENCE...

My AEOP experience consisted of working in a BSL-2 laboratory at USAMRIID and tackling a multiplex project on Burkholderia.

WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST THING YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE IN STEM?

My ultimate goal is to eliminate the spread of deadly diseases like Ebola, Marburg, smallpox, and others.

WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

The best advice I have ever received is, "The learning you are doing today will save someone's life one day. Stay driven and attentive."

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS?

My future hopes are to attend medical school, continue research, and integrate disease research into patient care.

Each month AEOP features some of our program participants. Read what these current and future STEM leaders have learned and what they are up to now. If you're an AEOP alumni (student and mentors) and want to tell your story, share with us! Submit your story **here**.