

## **Testimonials for REU-CAAR 2021**

(This was a virtual year because of COVID.)

### **George Li (Mentored by Furong Huang)**

I really enjoyed spending my summer at REU CAAR, and I recommend it to anyone interested in computer science research. It's difficult to get research experience as a freshman, but REU-CAAR gave me the opportunity to do so. The work was engaging and just the right difficulty. Most importantly, my mentor treated me as just another researcher, spending hours sometimes discussing our problem and possible solutions. Though I felt overwhelmed at first, this program helped me into the research world. I'm continuing my work with Professor Furong (my REU mentor) into the fall semester, and we have started other projects as well.

### **Sophya Wu (Mentored by Soheil Feizi)**

This REU experience was greatly beneficial in expanding my knowledge and experience with machine learning. Dr. Gasarch, the mentors, my team, and the professors were all very supportive and encouraging, and I learned so much from them over the course of the program. The program was a perfect way to explore different research aspects and allow me to get a better idea of how research is conducted. I am very thankful for this experience.