

How to Apply to REU CAAR in 2022

The following I repeat below but it is the most important point so I repeat it here.

IN YOUR STATEMENT YOU MUST WRITE ABOUT WHICH PROJECTS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN, AND FOR EACH ONE (a) WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED, and (b) WHY YOU ARE QUALIFIED.

1. Click on the following link:

<https://www.nsfetap.org/award/195/opportunity/192>

2. Once you are there you will need to create an account. So Do that.
3. Once you create an account you should be able to easily get to the application for REU-CAAR.

This is a website that the NSF has strongly recommended I use. Most of the rest is straightforward, but there are two issues

4. (Issue One) The personal statement interface is to cut and paste into a box rather than to download. (I had to check my calendar and make sure it really is 2022. It is.) This we are stuck with. However, there did not seem to be place to tell you what I want in the personal statement. So I tell you now:

- (a) Some information about you that I cannot get from your transcript. For example, CS or Math competitions, or something interesting about you that connects to CS or Math or your project.
- (b) List which projects you would be happy to work and for each one (a) why you are interested in it, and (b) why you are qualified to work on it.

5. I made it a requirement that you have to have 2 letters. The software seems to be set up to let you request (or so you think) as many letters as you want, but then you have to choose exactly 2 of them. It seems that you have to have 2 letters but can't have 3. And yes, that is as stupid as it sounds. However, 2 letters usually is enough. If you really really want to have a third letter writer (only the case if all three letter writers say DIFFERENT things about you) then email both me and your third letter writer and have them email a letter to me directly.