

Testimonials for REU CAAR 2019

Will Tyler (Mentored by John Dickerson)

REUCAAR is a fantastic summer experience. Although I was already interested in graduate school, REUCAAR solidified my decision and helped me narrow down specifically what I'd like to work on in the future. It also exposed me to fields of computer science I had never encountered before, i.e. cryptography. The mentors are simply excellent. Beyond the academic side, there were ample social opportunities with the cohort throughout the summer. I highly recommend REUCAAR for any undergraduate interested in theoretical computer science research.

Wei Qin Wang (Mentored by John Dickerson)

The CAARREU program has been an amazing experience for me. Its a great place to do summer research with brilliant mentors like Dr. John Dickerson (Our group mentor) and motivated teammates. I also enjoyed spending time with other undergraduate researchers in the program. I would highly recommend this program for anyone who is looking for a fun summer research opportunity!!!

Charles Cui (Mentored by John Dickerson)

This REU program was an incredible opportunity for me because I was considering going to grad school. Coming from a small liberal arts college, this program gave me the chance to collaborate with students and professors/postdocs from different backgrounds. The weekly talks given by UMD professors broadened my horizon. REU CAAR has helped me become a better researcher and solidify my decision to pursue a PhD in computer science.

Leenah Shalhoub (Mentored by William Gasarch)

CAAR was my first REU experience. At first, I faced some difficulties understanding the material but soon enough I caught up on work with the help of Dr. Gasarch and my colleague Stephanie.

Apart from the research, we had some interesting STEM talks during the program; they were eyeopeners for me in deferent topics.

The program not only focused on work but also took care of the social part. We had multiple game nights and lunches were we worked together on a fun math problem with the whole team and other REU's. For me, that helped build relationships faster and helped me know everyone in the program.

The whole experience was amazing, it made me excited for graduate school and I definitely see myself joining another REU next summer.

Amy Hudell (Mentored by Furong Huang)

I was terrified to do REU CAAR at first but that changed very quickly. Everyone was very welcoming and fun, and very helpful in making me feel more comfortable and capable. It was a great experience!! I learned so much, explored a new city, met some pretty cool people, and studied new things. It really solidified my interest in grad school and increased my interest in research and academia. It is a great program that really encourages students to pursue their interests and continue their schooling!