

Increasing APS Visibility to Undergraduates

Why it Matters-
a Student's Perspective



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What interested you in plant pathology?

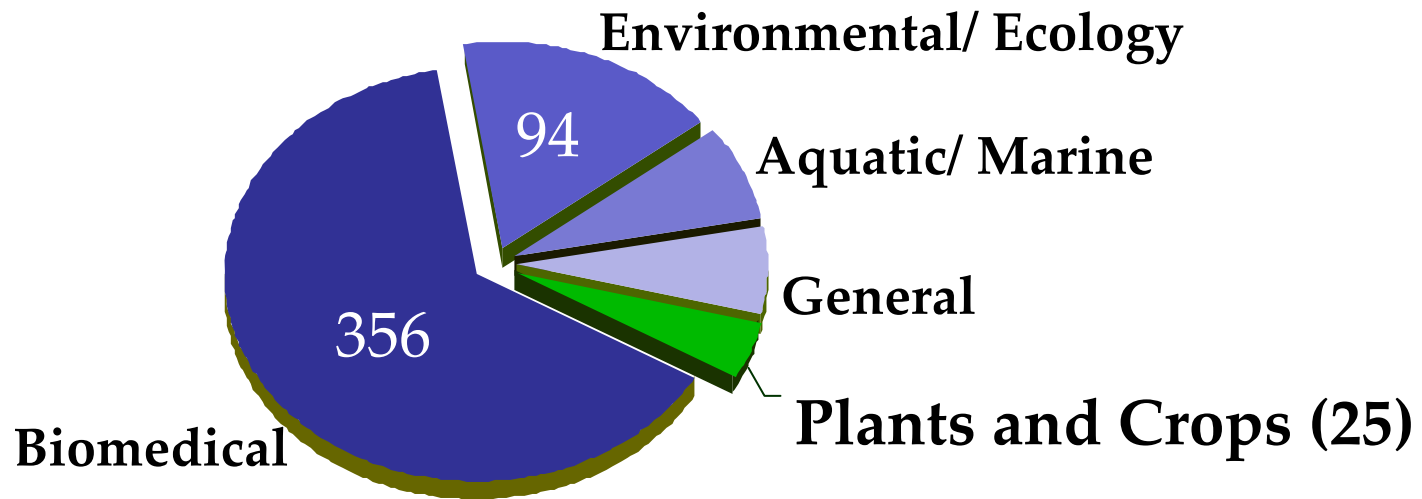
1. Inspiring teacher

→ Most undergraduates never interact with a plant pathologist

2. Positive research experience

→ Are agricultural sciences adequately represented among summer research positions?

Summer research programs in biological sciences, 2009



Based on listings at <http://people.rit.edu/~gtfsbi/Symp/summer.htm>



Advertised Openings for Undergraduates, Summer 2009

- ~ 250 in plant sciences
 - 29 universities, 3 corporations, USDA, DOE
- Up to ~110 related to plant disease
- ~30 in applied or field pathology
~60 in field crops total



Questions to consider:

- How can we let more undergraduates know about opportunities in agricultural sciences now and down the road?
- How can the agricultural sciences community welcome and support undergraduate summer researchers?
- Should undergraduate research opportunities in field and extension work be expanded?