What is the WISP research internship program?
The WISP Research Internship Program matches undergraduate women with faculty mentors in paid, part-time research internships in STEM fields. WISP internships provide early hands-on research experience and the opportunity for mentoring from a faculty or research scientist. Students apply in the fall term and internships run through winter and spring terms. Interns work 6-10 hours per week and are paid $10/hour for up to 100 hours per term. The internship culminates in a poster presentation at the annual Karen E. Wetterhahn Science Symposium in May.

Who is eligible?
First year women may apply for internships in any science discipline. Sophomore women may participate in selected disciplines: chemistry, computer science, engineering, math, and physics/astronomy. Women are most underrepresented nationally in these disciplines. Note: that this is a paid opportunity, so students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents should check with the Office of Visa & Immigration Services to be sure they are eligible to work at Dartmouth.

What kind of work is involved?
Students assist faculty in their research. They are not expected to generate their own independent research projects. The nature of the work and the skills required depend on the project. In addition to a faculty mentor, some interns may be directly supervised by a graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or other lab member.

How do I apply?
Interested students should attend the orientation session to learn more about the program and application process. Projects are listed in an on-line database, and students should peruse the database and contact potential faculty mentors to arrange interviews. At the end of the interview period, students and faculty submit their top choices, and WISP staff match students to faculty mentors. There are two rounds of interviews and matching to maximize the numbers of interns matched with faculty mentors.

For more information, go to the WISP website: http://students.dartmouth.edu/wisp

When do I apply?
- September 30 – October 20: Round 1 interview period
- October 22: Submit top choices for Round 1
- October 30: Notification of Round 1 matches
- November 2-13: Round 2 interview period
- November 14: Submit top choices for Round 2
- November 22: Notification of Round 2 matches