“3+8” Model of Undergraduate Research: A Partnership between Georgia Perimeter College and Georgia State University

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Executive Summary
The proposed “3+8” program will offer GPC students an innovative undergraduate research model. It will combine a 3 week (May 7th-25th) research experiences program at GPC with an 8 week research program (May 29th – July 20th) at GSU in Biology and Chemistry in one Summer. This will provide the experience and foundation to allow the GPC students to successfully make the transition to STEM programs at the 4-year institution. In addition they will feel more comfortable in joining the larger research groups that provide supportive environment for increased retention, progression and ultimately graduation of STEM major. Furthermore, STEM students with undergraduate research experience are more likely to attend graduate school and provide the next generation of STEM professionals.