

# FORUM SESSION SUMMARY

## **EMPHASIZING BOTANY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**

Teaching the 'Tree of life' for plants (Session 2-1)What are the essential topics about evolution that undergraduates need to understand?: A focus on plant biology (Session 5-1)Promoting botany beyond undergraduate curriculum requirements (Session 4-1)

### **DESIGNING INVESTIGATIVE LABORATORIES**

Enhancing botany experiences in ecology and evolution laboratories (Session 1-1)

## **ENGAGING UNDERGRADUATES IN RESEARCH**

NSF funding opportunities that support undergraduate research (Session 4-2) Running NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) site programs (Session 3-1) Integrating research and teaching: Using the classroom to feed your scholarship (Session 5-3)

## DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND MENTORING SKILLS

Best practices and biggest challenges in the botanical classroom and lab (Session 5-2)

### SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Making the most of NSF Division of Undergraduate Education funding opportunities (Session 2-2)
Approaches to teaching botany to non-majors (Session 1-2)
Attracting botany graduate students to smaller schools (Session 2-3)
Facilitating interaction in large lecture courses (Session 3-2)

### **REACHING OUT BEYOND THE IVORY TOWERS**

Where's botany in the news? Strategies for linking up with the media (Session 3-3) The SIU SYSTEM: A model program for supporting youth with disabilities in science (Session 1-3)