Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Site
Interdisciplinary Research on Granular and Particulate Materials

Program Guidelines for all Students

Funding
1. Each grant (stipend) will be $4,500 and will be for support of the student for ten weeks. The program will also: 1) pay tuition and fees for one credit hour of required independent study/research course, 2) provide a housing and meal allowance, and 3) pay partial reimbursement for travel expenses for students from other colleges and universities.

Student Eligibility
1. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
2. Applicant must be majoring in Engineering or a related discipline (e.g. biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, or geology).
3. Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or greater and have rising junior or senior status with at least 60 semester hours, or equivalent quarter hours completed toward their degree.

Application Requirements
1. Each student applicant will submit a completed application, one faculty recommendation letter, and a current official transcript. Be sure to include a description of special research area(s) of interest within your field. This description will aid in pairing applicant with a faculty mentor. It is not the intent of this activity to stimulate "student generated" research ideas; rather, the purpose is to seek contributions to ongoing faculty research areas. 2. Each application will be reviewed upon receipt. Announcements of acceptance will be made no later than February 17, 2012. 3. Evaluation of the applications will be done jointly by the faculty participating in the REU site.

Student Requirements
1. Students selected for grant support may not be enrolled in additional courses, other than the required independent study/research course, during either summer school session. 2. Research hours to be worked are determined by individual faculty members (40 hours / week). 3. Each student will be required to give two brief presentations on his/her respective project during the course of the eight-week grant period. 4. Each student will be required to prepare an abstract, final paper and a poster presentation describing the results of his/her research program.

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to involve in a summer research program outstanding students who have completed their sophomore year and are interested in pursuing graduate studies. It is hoped that these students will make a contribution to ongoing faculty research and, more importantly, will gain an appreciation for and an interest in a research career.

To Apply
1. Complete the application below and sign it.
2. Return it along with: One faculty recommendation letter and a current official transcript
3. Mail to the following address: Texas A&M University
   Zachry Department of Civil Engineering
   Att: Dr. Giovanna Biscontin
   3136 TAMUS
   College Station, Texas 77843-3136

   Application Deadline: February 17, 2012 by 5:00 pm
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES
GRANT APPLICATION
DWIGHT LOOK COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
SUMMER 2012

(PRINT CLEARLY)

Last Name ______________________  First Name ______________________  Middle Initial ___

Social Security Number ______________________  Email Address ______________________

Current Major ______________________  U.S. Citizen?   Yes  No   (if No, what country of origin? ________)

Permanent Resident?   Yes  No  Gender:  Male  Female

Ethnicity:  Anglo Am.  Hispanic Am.  African Am.  Asian Am.  Other ______

Current Address _____________________________________________

City, State Zip___________________________  Phone((_____)___________________________

Permanent Address _____________________________________________

City, State Zip___________________________  Phone((_____)___________________________

Name of the school you currently attend:____________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date:         Spring      Summer      Fall          Year: ___________

Cumulative GPA:   ________         Number of Hours Completed: ________         Major GPA: ______

Have you participated in a research program before?  Yes   No

If so where?___________________________________________

Upon graduation, are you planning to attend graduate school?  Yes   No

If so where?___________________________________________

Name of Proposed Faculty mentor (optional) ____________________________________________

List some special research areas of interest within your field:

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Student Signature                                                        Date

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