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Winter College Mini-Semester Program Announcement

To: Administrators/Professors/Science Department Chairs

Subject: 2020 Winter Mini-Semester

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Office of Educational Programs (OEP) seeks applicants for the Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists (WDTS) Mini-Semester Program. Selected students from college programs will be invited to participate in a six-day program developed to introduce participants to BNL’s science. The 2020 College Mini-Semester program will be held January 06 - 11, 2020. Participation in the course is limited to 20 students.

Program:
The program will be conducted by BNL researchers and will operate from 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for six days. It will expose students to the wide range of research projects conducted at BNL, help them to understand different pathways to scientific careers, and develop networking opportunities with the BNL scientific community and administrators. The program format includes orientation, classroom instruction, a communication workshop, tours of research facilities, BNL based literature research assignments, reverse interviews with scientists and engineers, group oral presentations, scientific lectures and safety overviews. First-hand reinforcement of concepts learned will be supported and enhanced by BNL researchers and technical staff.

Eligibility:
This program is designed for underrepresented minorities in STEM. As per the Department of Energy, underrepresented minorities include women, Hispanics, African Americans, and American Indians (http://energy.gov/articles/introducing-minorities-energy-initiative). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and enrolled as part of a program at their school. Students will reside at BNL and must be covered by their own health insurance. Students must be majoring in STEM disciplines and have demonstrated strong commitment to professional development.

Housing, Food and Transportation:
Accepted candidates will have their housing and travel fully funded. Once accepted BNL will make housing and travel reservations. Only lunch will be provided, other meals will the responsibility of the selected student.

Application Procedure:

1. Please distribute the attached application. If you did not receive the application, please contact Salvador Gonzalez at sgonzalez@bnl.gov.
2. Students should return completed applications to you or the corresponding program director/administrator.
3. After collecting your student’s application please mail to c/o Salvador Gonzalez at Building 438, P.O. Box 5000, Upton New York 11973.
4. Students are required to obtain one Recommendation. The Recommending staff should mail their recommendations to c/o Salvador Gonzalez, Building 438, P.O. Box 5000, Upton New York 11973
Application Deadline: All Applications and recommendations must be postmarked by November 1, 2019

Student Notification By: November 22, 2019

College/University Responsibility:
We solicit your assistance in recommending your top students for the program. In order to help insure a smooth-flowing application and selection process, we are hopeful that you will assist the recommended students meet necessary deadlines and requirements.

DOE Internship Opportunities:
We are also proud to host internship opportunities for undergraduate students in our Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) and the Community College Internship (CCI). Both of these offer a longer-term research internship, 10 weeks in summer and 16 weeks in fall and spring. These opportunities are open to all students, but we hope that you will encourage your students to apply. For SULI please visit https://science.osti.gov/wdts/suli/ For CCI visit https://science.osti.gov/wdts/cci/

Note, the 2020 Spring Internship deadline is October 07, 2019 and the 2020 summer internship deadline is on January 9, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the program.

Thank you for your cooperation and help.

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