Grant Title: RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU)

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Area of Research: Research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation.


Application Deadline: REU Site proposals except for those requiring access to Antarctica: May 24, 2013. Fourth Friday in May, Annually Thereafter. All other REU Site proposals must be submitted to the August REU deadline: August 28, 2013. Fourth Wednesday in August, Annually Thereafter.

Amount: In FY2013, NSF anticipates investing approximately $68.4 million in approximately 180 new Site awards and 1,600 new Supplement awards. The typical REU Site hosts 8-10 students per year. The typical funding amount is $70,000-$120,000 per year.

Length of Support: Three years is the typical duration for REU Site awards in most NSF directorates; however, a duration of up to five years may be allowed in some cases.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible Student Participants: Undergraduate student participants supported with NSF funds in either REU Supplements or REU Sites must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. An undergraduate student is a student who is enrolled in a degree program (part-time or full-time) leading to a baccalaureate or associate degree. Students who are transferring from one college or university to another and are enrolled at neither institution during the intervening summer may participate. High school graduates who have been accepted at an undergraduate institution but who have not yet started their undergraduate study are also eligible to participate. Students who have received their bachelor's degrees and are no longer enrolled as undergraduates are generally not eligible to participate. For REU Sites, a significant fraction of the student participants should come from outside the host institution or organization. Some NSF directorates encourage inclusion in the REU program of K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Summary: The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. This solicitation features two mechanisms for support of student research: (1) REU Sites are based on independent proposals to initiate and conduct projects that engage a number of students in research. REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department or may offer interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme. Proposals with an international dimension are welcome. (2) REU Supplements may be included as a component of proposals for new or renewal NSF grants or cooperative agreements or may be requested for ongoing NSF-funded research projects.

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