

Q: What are the dates of the Summer Program?

A: It is a 10-week, full-time June 7-August 12, 2010. ("Move in" is Sunday, June 7 and "Move out" is Friday, August 14).

Q: My school is on the quarter system, and I won't be finished with my final exams until after your REU program starts. Is it still possible for me to participate?

A: In most cases the answer is yes. We really prefer all the students to start at the same time, but we can make exceptions.

Q: How much is the stipend?

A: The stipend for 2010 will be \$4,600 given incrementally throughout the 10 weeks. It may be used for food and recreation. We will provide your housing, free of charge.

Q: What about housing?

A: Housing will be coordinated and provided for REU participants on-campus in the East Christiana Towers. <http://www.facilities.udel.edu/rhalls.aspx>

Q: What about food?

A: REU participants are responsible for their own meals. There are university summer meal plan options as well as local grocery stores and restaurants. (Christiana Towers has student accessible kitchen facilities for cooking.)

Q: What about travel expenses?

A: Round-trip travel expenses to and from the summer program will be reimbursed up to \$600 (coach tickets only, no first-class, etc.) per participant. Original receipts must be provided.

Q: What will I be doing during the 10 weeks?

A: You will be working on your research project with your Faculty and graduate student mentor, attending Brown Bag REU seminar lunches, and taking field trips to local industry and attending special events/symposia.

Q: Will I interact with other undergraduate students?

A: Yes, there will be interaction with summer science research students in other programs formally and informally, such as within your faculty mentor's research group, on field trips and special events/symposia.

Q: When is the application deadline?

A: All complete applications must be received at our office by March 1, 2010.

Q: What are the application requirements?

A: Prospective REU participants must complete the NSF REU application, downloadable from the web, forward all updated official college transcripts, a resume, a one-page statement of purpose, and letter of recommendation. No prior research experience is required. Students must be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior years of college.

Q: When do I find out if I am accepted?

A: Applicants will be notified by the end of March.

Q: When do I find out what projects I will be working on?

A: REU students, faculty, and projects are closely matched after participants have been accepted. The REU participant will be notified of this match as soon as possible. Each student's major, research preference, and experience are taken into careful consideration regarding project match.