January 27, 2014

Dear ABRCMS Attendee,

We hope you had a great time at this year’s ABRCMS meeting. We enjoyed meeting both new and familiar faces. For those students who did not have a chance to visit our booth during the meeting, we would like to provide more information about our Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program from Biomedical Graduate Studies at Drexel University College of Medicine running from June 1-August 2.

Our Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) is our summer research experience for undergraduate students interested in pursuing graduate training in the biomedical sciences. Through this summer program, students will:

- Enhance their technical and analytical scientific research skills
- Develop a relationship with a research mentor
- Perform daily research activities
- Earn a stipend during the course of the program

Successful applicants will be matched with a participating faculty member according to their research interests. These research mentors are College of Medicine faculty who work in various disciplines, including biochemistry, molecular and cell biology, neuroscience, microbiology, immunology, pharmacology, and physiology. SURF students are expected to work 40 hours per week in their assigned laboratory. Students will meet periodically with their mentors to prepare and review the content of their oral presentations.

The SURF award includes a $3,000 stipend paid directly to the student during the course of the program. Local campus housing will be provided for students not located within the Philadelphia area.

We encourage applications from groups that are historically underrepresented in biomedical research. Applications can be completed online at the following link: [http://www2.drexelmed.edu/SURF/](http://www2.drexelmed.edu/SURF/).

**Program requirements:**

- Student can either be a sophomore or a junior as of Spring 2014
- *Seniors expected to graduate in 2014 are not eligible.* Students must be US citizens or permanent residents.
- Must be interested in biomedical research
- Must be in good standing at their school
- Must submit statement of research interests
- Must submit two letters of reference via email directly to [biomedresearch@drexelmed.edu](mailto:biomedresearch@drexelmed.edu). Please put “SURF Program, [name of applicant]” in the subject line.
Selection will be based on the student's academic undergraduate record, research experience, letters of recommendation, statement of research interests, and career goals.

**Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, February 28, 2014.**

Official transcripts should be mailed to:

SURF Program  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Office of Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies  
Attn: Coordinator of Diversity Initiatives  
2900 Queen Lane, Suite G-24  
Philadelphia, PA 19129

We look forward to seeing your submitted application.

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