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Dear Faculty or Academic Administrator:

The Department of Biological Engineering (BE) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is presently seeking outstanding current junior-year undergraduates to participate in the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program during the summer term of 2009. The REU Program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, provides non-MIT students with the opportunity to participate in the research happening in the Department of Biological Engineering. Participants must be either permanent residents or US citizens. Applicants should be currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program as a junior with a major in biology, chemistry, or engineering, and have at least some experience with biology. In addition, only applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.45 or greater (out of 4.00 scale) will be considered.

This program is intended for students who are considering graduate school in biological engineering.

Each successful applicant will work closely with an MIT graduate student, post-doctoral candidate, or faculty member on biological engineering research. Specific projects are not be assigned until after the students' arrival. The projects are developed by BE faculty. These faculty are listed on the BE website with links to their web pages. REU students will relocate to Cambridge, Massachusetts for the duration of the program, Monday, June 8 through Friday, August 14, 2009. There are no exceptions to these program dates.

Compensation in the form of a stipend will be provided to all participants, as well as housing and a food allowance. Some travel expenses will be allowed for those not from the Cambridge area.

An application form is available online or for download for candidates to complete. To complete an application we require an official academic transcript, two letters of recommendation from faculty who have provided instruction to the applicant, and a resume/CV. These materials may arrive separately. The postmark deadline for application submission is February 20, 2009. The BE REU Program's website is: <http://web.mit.edu/be/education/reu.htm>

You may have questions about the program. If you have questions about the program's technical requirements please write to Prof. Linda Griffith; griff@mit.edu. Non-technical questions, administrative or otherwise, should be directed to ddarling@mit.edu.

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