

January 6, 2007

Dear Student, Academic Staff, or Faculty:

The Biological Engineering Division (BE) and Biotechnology Process Engineering Center (BPEC) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are presently seeking outstanding current undergraduates to participate in the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU) during the summer term of 2007. The REU Program provides non-MIT students with the opportunity to participate in the research programs at BE/BPEC. Participants must be either permanent residents or US citizens. Applicants should be currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program as a freshman, sophomore, or 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 3.25 (4.00 scale) will be considered.

Each successful applicant will work closely with a MIT graduate student, post-doctoral candidate, or faculty member on biotechnological research. Specific projects will not be assigned until after the student's arrival. The projects are developed by BE faculty.

REU students will relocate to Cambridge, Massachusetts for the duration of the program, Monday, June 11-Friday, August 17, 2007. 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 some travel expenses for those not from the Cambridge area.

An application form is available for download on the BPEC website (url below) for candidates to complete and return along with their official academic transcript and two letters of recommendation from a faculty member. The postmark deadline for application submission is Thursday, March 1, 2007.

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. For non-technical questions about the program, administration or otherwise, please contact me at (617) 452-2464, or at ddarling@mit.edu.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Darling
REU Program Coordinator

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