Dear Deans/Department Chairs/Faculty Members:

We are happy to announce that 2017 summer research experience (REU) program in the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering at The University of Akron is open to apply. Please encourage qualified students to submit applications. The application deadline is Friday, February 10, 2017. Attached are our 2017 announcement and application.

This competitive REU program are sponsored by the National Science Foundation, The University of Akron, and corporate sponsors. Students will participate in an 11-week internship to investigate a fundamental question within the broad disciplines of polymer science and polymer engineering, including chemistry, physics, engineering, and biomaterials. These interns will take part in research and career development activities, discussions outlining their research progress and visits to regional companies. The summer will culminate with an oral or poster presentation of each intern’s research results at the Northeast Ohio NSF-REU Undergraduate Research Conference.

Stipends will be $7,000 ($2,000 are used by students to pay for on-campus housing and related expenses).

Our program will begin on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, and will end on Friday, August 11, 2017. For further information, please visit our website: http://www.uakron.edu/cpspe/academics/reu-summer-internships.dot.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES
at The College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering

Summer Internship Opportunity

May 31 - August 11, 2017

Application Deadline: February 10, 2017

ACTIVITIES: Introductory lectures, safety and ethics training, research training, faculty research seminars, visits to regional laboratories and companies, career panel discussions, weekly luncheons, social activities, oral and/or poster presentation at the Annual Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Research Symposium

STIPEND: $7,000 ($2,000 are used by students to pay for on-campus housing and related expenses)

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. Citizen or permanent resident

RESEARCH AREAS: Biomaterials, Chemistry, Engineering, and Physics

For more information, please visit:
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The University of Akron
College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering
Name ________________________________  E-mail Address ________________________________

Undergraduate Institution ____________________________________________________________

Major ________________________________  GPA ________________________________

Academic Status (FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, SENIOR) ________________________ Years Completed ___________

Date Available to Start ______________________  Expected Graduation Date ________________

Campus Address _______________________________________________________________

________________________________________  Campus Phone __________________________

Home Address ________________________________________________________________

________________________________________  Home Phone _____________________________

Research Interest (RANK THE FIELDS BELOW ACCORDING TO YOUR INTEREST: #1 BEING THE HIGHEST. LEAVE BLANK TO INDICATE NO INTEREST.)

☐ Chemistry  ☐ Physics  ☐ Engineering  ☐ Biomaterials

Checklist for required components of your application:
I have requested and/or included:

☐ Personal Statement (SCIENCE PREPARATION, CAREER GOALS, RESEARCH INTERESTS)

☐ Letters of recommendation (2) from: ________________________________

☐ Official transcript(s)

The National Science Foundation and The University of Akron seek to include underrepresented students in the REU Program. Please check all that apply:

Citizenship:  ☐ U.S. or Permanent Resident  ☐ Not U.S.

Gender:  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Ethnicity: (Choose one)  ☐ Hispanic or Latino  ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: (Select one or more)  ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  ☐ Asian

☐ Black or African American  ☐ White

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  ☐ I choose not to respond.

How or where did you learn about this program? ________________________________

Please submit application, letters of reference, and transcript(s) by February 10, 2017, to:

REU Summer Internships
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Awards will be announced after the deadline and will continue until all positions are filled.