January 20, 2017

Dear Colleague:

In anticipation of receiving funding for the thirtieth year of our nationally recognized National Science Foundation sponsored summer Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, we are now accepting applications for 2017. This is an excellent opportunity for top undergraduates to participate in research while earning $5,000.00 (plus living expenses) during the summer of 2017. Applications are being accepted in both science and engineering on the topic of Materials Innovation at the Intersection of Food-Energy-Water Systems. We hope the enclosed announcement flyer will be displayed in a prominent place or shared with your community so that the maximum number of students will be aware and inspired to apply to our program. We encourage you share this with other faculty members that may know of highly talented students who would be interested in this fantastic opportunity. You can visit our website at: [http://www.mii.vt.edu](http://www.mii.vt.edu) for more information and application directions.

We would like for you to strongly encourage your best students to apply. In 2016, there were twelve participants from all over the United States. By all accounts, this National Science Foundation sponsored activity continues to be a huge success. Please feel free to connect with me should you or any applicants have any questions about the program, the application process, or need any additional information.

Please note that application reviews will begin on February 1, 2017.

Thank you for your assistance and good luck to your undergraduates!

Sincerely,

Kim Felix, M.S.
REU Program Director

Enclosures (1)
Virginia Tech's Macromolecules Innovation Institute (MII)

Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates

Planned Area of Research for 2017:

*Materials Innovation at the Intersection of Food-Energy-Water Systems*

May 30 – August 11, 2017

For more information and to apply online, visit our website at [http://www.mii.vt.edu](http://www.mii.vt.edu)

- Earn $5,000 during the 11 week program (Plus living expenses)
- Conduct research with science and engineering faculty mentors
- Rising juniors and seniors preferred (U.S Citizen or Permanent U.S. Resident)
- Application Review begins February 1, 2017 (APPLY EARLY)
- For more information contact Kim Felix at kfelix@vt.edu

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