We are now accepting applications for the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF) Program at The Scripps Research Institute. Through curricular and laboratory research experiences, the program provides a creative and dynamic environment in which to learn about the power of biomedical research. The SURF participants identify their area of interest and are matched with a Scripps faculty member on one of our two campuses: Jupiter, Florida or La Jolla, California. There are over 200 laboratories across the two campuses conducting basic and translational research; areas of research include cancer biology, cell biology, chemical physiology, chemistry, genetics, immunology, metabolism and aging, microbiology, molecular biology, molecular medicine, molecular therapeutics, neurobiology, and neuroscience.

SURF participants work with faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students in a research setting and attend enrichment workshops which include GRE test prep classes, lunch-n-learn with faculty, career panels, and ‘life as a grad student’ presentations. At the end of the summer, participants give oral and/or poster presentations of their research at the campus-wide Summer Student Symposium. The best presentation from each campus is invited to submit an abstract to a national meeting and Scripps Research provides registration fees and travel expenses.

The program dates are Monday, June 10, 2013 through Friday, August 16, 2013.

The SURF program was designed to identify and expose the next generation of scientists to cutting edge research at a top notch institute. Its success requires highly motivated individuals who thrive on challenges. In order to apply, students must also be:

- Undergraduates enrolled in four-year colleges and universities in the U.S., Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories;
- US citizens, Permanent Residents, or holders of a F-1 visa
- In good academic standing at their home institution, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above;
- Interested in pursuing a Ph.D.

A special emphasis is placed on identifying and recruiting students who are historically underrepresented in the sciences (i.e., African-American, Hispanic, Native Pacific Islander, or Native American students).

The program provides housing and a stipend of $4000.

The deadline to apply is February 15, 2013. The application is available at http://internships.scripps.edu. For more information regarding the program and the application process, please email: eduprgm@scripps.edu, call: 858.784.8469 or visit: http://education.scripps.edu/.

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