SULI Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory’s Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program places students in 10 week summer and 16 week semester paid internships in science and engineering. Undergraduate students work on research projects related to their particular career choices in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“During my internship, my project team gave me a wealth of knowledge, hands-on experiences and the opportunity to participate in the challenges and achievements of research at a national laboratory.”

– Rohit Biyani, mentored by Shuttha Shutthanandan and Theva Thevuthasan, PNNL Scientists

“My SULI student was the best student intern I have had the pleasure of hosting. He was reliable, asked all the right questions, and was completely into helping me with anything I asked of him. He took initiative and went beyond my expectations.”

– Robin Durham, PNNL Scientist

The Office of Science sponsors the SULI program to provide summer research opportunities for students from universities and colleges across the nation.
Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship
Where Undergraduates Learn About Scientific Research
by Doing Scientific Research

About the Program
In response to the growing concern about the decreasing numbers of U.S. citizens obtaining degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science sponsors the Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI). This program provides special training and research experiences to undergraduate students at the DOE National Laboratories. SULI enables students to pursue technical careers and advanced educational opportunities by giving them direct exposure to major scientific research facilities and to the Laboratory’s scientific and technical staff.

Program Components
Participating students receive a weekly salary, a housing allowance, and travel expenses. They spend either ten weeks in the summer or 16 weeks during the fall/spring semester at a DOE National Laboratory where they:
• Are matched with world-renowned scientists who serve as mentors
• Are trained to use advanced scientific instruments
• Develop professional and technical communication skills
• Attend seminars and lectures on scientific inquiry and recent discoveries
• Complete a research project which is formally documented in a paper and presentation.

Eligibility
Students for SULI are recruited from all undergraduate institutions and must:
• Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student
• Be interested in a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics
• Be 18 years or older at the start of the program
• Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien
• Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.

Financial Information
A salary of $500/week is provided as well as a housing per diem and travel reimbursement per DOE and PNNL program guidelines.

Application
The application is on-line at http://science.energy.gov/wwts/suli/. Applications are available in October for summer and fall, and in August for winter and spring. The application for SULI is electronic and cannot be submitted by mail or fax.

Applications for Spring 2015 are due October 7, 2014

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