Program Overview:
- Spend 10 summer weeks working on a research project in an international host laboratory from late May to early August
- Competitive – 17 guaranteed scholarships available
- Generous award - up to $10,000 for air travel, living expenses, insurance, pre-departure orientation, language instruction, and presenting at an ACS National meeting

Benefits:
- Sharpen research skills
- Develop global scientific perspective & establish international collaborations
- Gain exposure to a different culture & language
- Participate in research projects of high current interest and potential for publication

Requirements:
- One semester or summer of prior research experience
- GPA of at least 3.2
- Enrolled full-time in materials science, chemistry, biochemistry, or chemical engineering
- Rising junior or rising senior at the end of the program
- U.S. citizenship or permanent U.S. residency

For more information visit
www.acs.org/ireu
or write to ireu@acs.org

Deadline for application: January 23, 2015
Thank you for expressing interest in hosting an international undergraduate student in your lab. Please find below a general program description of the 2015 IREU program (for US bound students)

Program Promotion
The ACS website will describe the opportunity for international students to work at U.S. REU sites and the application process. Our partner organizations will be responsible for promoting the program in their regions. It is anticipated that 12-15 students will be sent to U.S. chemistry and materials science REU sites in 2015.

Host Site Identification
International students may apply to any of the REU materials science or chemistry sites that opt-in to the program via the ACS-IREU application form. REU site directors that opt-in are asked to ensure that the ranking decision reflects the preferences of the individual faculty mentors selected by the student. It is possible that your REU program will not be assigned a student due to availability.

Student Placement
ACS will manage applications from international students who wish to come to U.S. REU sites. Students will send their application materials directly to ACS. ACS will forward relevant applications to the site director for review. The application deadline will be January 23, 2015.

Students will provide in English:
- an application form that includes a prioritized list of up to three REU sites that have opted-in to the program and an essay that states the motivation to pursue the particular projects
- full curriculum vitae/résumé
- official, up-to-date transcript
- two letters of reference (also in English) from a senior academic in a chemistry or materials science-related field;

Participating REU site directors will be encouraged to interview their top applicants by phone to confirm interest in the project and clarify any outstanding questions. ACS will make placement decisions based on the prioritized lists. Students will be notified at the latest by March 15, 2015 if their application is successful.

English Language Proficiency
REU site directors are encouraged to communicate orally and in writing with applicants to ensure their language skills are appropriate for the research environment that the students will encounter. During the application process, applicants are asked to affirm their English language proficiency.

Program Duration
Typically, REU programs run for 10 weeks and start sometime in late May or early June. Some participating international students may be out of phase with the U.S. students participating in the program due to differences in the academic calendar. International students may be able to stay in the U.S. through September to take advantage of a 10-week program. In the past years, the majority of
participating students were able to arrange to start their REU experience with minor delay and some started in mid-July. In some cases, the limiting factor may be housing availability. Site directors are encouraged to inform ACS if their housing department and advisors are able to accommodate international students beyond the REU end date. The start and end dates of each partner REU site will be posted on the ACS-IREU website. If flexibility exists, it will also be indicated. This will inform students of any potential limitations before they apply. In acceptance letters, exact arrival and departure dates must be indicated to comply with visa application requirements. Thus, dates must be agreed upon in advance between the student and his/her REU site director and mentor and communicated to ACS and our partner organizations.

**Student Accommodation**
Each REU site handles student housing differently. Some are able to provide housing at no additional cost to students. Others, particularly those located in areas with high housing costs, will need to be reimbursed for housing. International students will pay for housing where required. REU directors (or their designee) are expected to help students identify affordable housing options whenever possible.

**Visa Support**
ACS will advise participating students on any J-1 U.S. visa-related requirements; timely visa application submission and fees will be the responsibility of the participating student. **REU site directors will need to help facilitate the process with the international office of their institutions.**

**Insurance**
Our international partners will cover the costs of health and accident insurance for participating students under their existing policies. Students will be expected to work with the site director at the REU site and the appropriate partner organization if they become ill or are injured while participating in the program.

**Travel Arrangements**
International students will be expected to coordinate their arrival at the REU site where they have been matched using the same procedures used by the site’s U.S.-based participants. Students or their funders will pay these travel costs with no burden to the host.

**Stipend**
International partner organizations will provide funding for students who are selected to participate in research at U.S. REU sites to ensure that they are able to fully participate in the REU program. All financial transactions will be conducted with the students before they leave for their summer research experience. If your institution has funds available to non-US citizens to participate in an REU program, please inform the ACS office.

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