The National Collegiate Honors Council Portz Fellowship

The Portz Fellowship program was launched in 2010 and is supported by the John and Edythe Portz Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship. It is intended to support creative and innovative endeavors that cross boundaries, inviting application from individuals who wish to undertake cross disciplinary research or from a team of two students from different disciplines who propose a single collaborative project. The project will be funded for a period of up to 18 months with the expectation that upon its completion, the Fellowship recipient will make a formal presentation of the research at the NCHC annual conference.

Applications will be accepted January 9 - February 10, 2013. To apply, complete ALL sections of the Portz Fellowship application, available in pdf and word, and submit both the application and letters of recommendation by February 10, 2013.

Honors students in good standing from 2-year colleges or 4-year colleges and universities with current Institutional membership in NCHC may apply at any point in their undergraduate studies. However, given the scope of the research expectation, applicants who are in their final senior term will not be considered. In addition to two letters of recommendation from faculty members, an endorsement from the institutional representative named in the NCHC membership is required. Only ONE PROPOSAL a year from each member institution is permitted.

If you would like more information about the Portz Fellowship, please contact Dr. Patrice Berger at pberger1@unl.edu, or 402-472-5425.

Hiring Summer Conference Staff

Looking for a great summer job? Consider working for the Department of Residence on the Summer Conference Staff! We provide front-line quality service to summer conference guests of all ages in our facilities. We’re looking for friendly, flexible, and hard-working staff who want to develop valuable job skills and work on a dedicated, fun-loving team. Pay is $7.50/hour with free housing at selected Frederiksen Court apartments and a 30-meal plan block & $400 Dining Dollars (other housing and salary options are available). The job lasts from May 15-August 8. You can stay in Ames and take a class (optional)! Application packets are on-line at http://www.housing.iastate.edu/conferences/stu-employment/ and are due 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4: Personal Branding
February 11 - March 11: Acceptance of nominations for the W.Robert Parks Honors Commendations and for UHP Awards for Excellence
February 14: Valentine’s Day Bake Sale

STUPKA: Undergraduate Research Symposium

Be a part of this year’s Symposium taking place on 4.11.13.

Poster Submission Deadline: March 28th, 2013 to alanaj12@iastate.edu

Symposium Registration Deadline: April 4th, 2013

For more info visit: www.bbmb.iastate.edu
Summer REU at Kansas State University

The Kansas State University Center for Sustainable Energy seeks applications for its summer 2013 REU program in sustainable bioenergy funded by the National Science Foundation.

Program Overview: The research you will receive in this program under the guidance of faculty mentors will advance your state of knowledge in sustainable energy. You will participate in “hands-on” experiences with processing agricultural biomass, experiencing the physical environment of industrial-scale biomass processing with all its limitations and opportunities. Students will also meet people that actually perform the work to produce renewable energy in the communities where they live.

The summer 2013 Research Experience for Undergraduates program runs May 28, 2013 – August 2, 2013. Total value of this program is $7,600.00 per student. The application deadline is February 15, 2013.

Accepting applications within these departments:
- Agricultural Economics
- Agronomy
- Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Grain Science and Industry
- Sociology

Eligibility: We accept students from all science, agricultural, and engineering majors and class years. Applicants must be American citizens or permanent residents. First-generation college students, members of ethnic minority groups, females in STEM disciplines, and other under-represented groups are especially encouraged to apply. No previous laboratory or research experience is required.

Program website: http://www.sustainable-energy.ksu.edu/REU

Application link: https://cse.engg.ksu.edu/REU/app

SI Session Schedules

The full schedule of days, times, and locations for SI sessions are posted our website at: http://apps.dso.iastate.edu/si/ SI is offered this semester for the following courses:
- ACCT 284
- AN S 214
- BIOL 211, 212, 256
- CHEM 163, 167, 177, 178, 231, 331, 332
- ECON 101
- ENGR 160
- MATH 151, 165, 166, 265, 266, 267
- PHYS 111, 221, 222
- STAT 226

Social Justice Summit

The Social Justice Summit is being held on Friday, February 15 from 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday, February 16 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Hach hall. Guest presenter: Vijay Pendakur Director for the Office of Multicultural Student Success at DePaul University will help you take a look at the identities we carry and how social systems of power, privilege and oppression impact our lived experiences in contemporary American Society. Registration is required and free to all ISU students. Register at www.sac.iastate.edu/sjs. If you have any questions contact sjsummit@iastate.edu

INSPIRE LSAMP Annual Conference

The Iowa Illinois Nebraska STEM Partnership for Innovation in Research & Education (IINSPIRE) is a NSF-funded alliance of sixteen public and private universities and community colleges throughout Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska dedicated to broadening the participation of underrepresented minorities in STEM education in the Midwest. The IINSPIRE Alliance is part of the NSF Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP).

The IINSPIRE Alliance will hold its 2012-13 Annual Conference on February 8, 2013, on the campus of Iowa State University. The conference, Crossing the Bridge to Student Success in STEM, will focus on important connections and transitions that support students on their pathways to STEM degrees.

The IINSPIRE LSAMP Annual Conference will feature invited speakers and concurrent programs of interest to both students and professionals. Students, faculty, and staff from alliance institutions and representatives from alliance partners are encouraged to attend.

February 8, 2013
8:00am - 5:00pm

Iowa State Center, Scheman Building

http://www.iinspiresamp.iastate.edu/Registration_info.php
Present Your Research

ISU’s 7th annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research & Creative Expression will take place in the Memorial Union on Tuesday, April 16. A day-long celebration of undergraduate research, the Symposium provides undergraduates from all academic disciplines with an opportunity to share their research with the university community and other guests through conference-style oral presentations. All undergraduate students involved in mentored research are eligible and encouraged to apply to present their work at the Symposium. Applications may be submitted by individuals or small groups.

Information about the Symposium and the submission process for prospective participants can be found at: http://www.undergradresearch.iastate.edu/symposium/ Applications are due by Friday, February 15.

Honors Society Info Session

The Honors Student Board and Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma First-Year Honor Society invite you to join us for an Honor Society informational session for First Year Honors Program students. What are the benefits of joining an Honor Society? What do Honor Societies actually do? Is it worth it to join one? These are questions you’ll be able to ask at the session. Free Pizza will be provided. The event will be February 13, 6-7:30pm in the Jischke Honors Building in rooms 1155 and 1113.

MIT REU: Summer 2013

The Center for Materials Science and Engineering and the Materials Processing Center at MIT jointly sponsor a nine-week summer research internship program for undergraduates. This summer, intern positions to ten students who will work in faculty-led research groups on the MIT campus will be offered. Program dates: June 9 – August 10

Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who will enter their junior or senior year of study in the fall of 2013 to be eligible to participate in this program. Women and members of other underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. Faculty associated with the two host centers represent many departments at MIT, so undergraduates majoring in a broad range of science and engineering disciplines are welcome.

The application deadline is February 13, 2013.

Electronic application and more information:
http://mpc-web.mit.edu

NSE Program Deadline Approaching

Application deadline for NSE exchange in 2013-14 is February 22.

Iowa State students can spend a semester or an academic year at one of NSE’s nearly 200 colleges throughout the United States, U.S. Territories, and Canada.

Immersion programs in Spanish are available at Puerto Rico universities or French at Quebec universities.

SPECIAL PROGRAM: Alaska Legislative Internship and NSE
NSE participants are eligible to participate in the UAS spring 2014 semester-only Alaska state legislature internship. Students earn 12 credits while working closely with legislators and professional legislative staff. Many Alaskan political topics including natural resource management, the dynamics of state oil, and environmental issues will be discussed at length. The program is well suited to students interested in Politics, Economics, Geography, Environmental Studies, and the Natural Sciences.

You may learn more about NSE at http://nse.org