Alliance REU Orientation 2009

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Alliance Activity Scholarship

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Alliance Activity Scholarship - Who?

- You, the undergraduates in Iowa Alliance Math/Stat REU 09.
- If two or more Alliance undergraduates work on one research project jointly and the proposal relates to this project, it may be submitted as a joint proposal.
Alliance Activity Scholarship - What?

- Year long grant of up to $5,000.
- Recipients will be announced at the Iowa Math/Stat REU Symposium banquet at University of Iowa July 29.
- Funding will be in the form of reimbursement or direct payment for the requested items such as travel.
Alliance Activity Scholarship - What?

- Funds can be used for things like:
  - Attending and presenting work at conferences during the year
  - Visits to or from your Iowa Regents faculty mentor
  - Tuition for a math class needed for grad school not available through your school
  - Other items that will help you toward a successful graduate career (and that are not excluded)

- Funds cannot be used for purchase of equipment and material, including computers, software, books, etc.
Alliance Activity Scholarship - How?

- Work with your faculty and graduate student mentors to generate ideas for what to propose.
- Seek advice from your faculty and/or graduate student mentors on the preparation of the proposal.
- Proposal e-mailed in PDF format to Kristin Gilchrist, kristin-gilchrist@uiowa.edu, by faculty mentor with a statement of approval.
- Deadline is July 15, 2009.
Proposal

- 2 - 4 page Project Description: Describes what you want to do.
- 1 page Narrative Budget: Explains how you will spend specific amounts of money.

Naming files and titles

- Your first initial and last name should be in the file name, e.g., LHogbenPD.pdf
- Your first and last name should be in title in the document itself, e.g., Project Description: Leslie Hogben’s Alliance Scholarship Proposal
Project Description

• Description of what will be undertaken, 1-2 pages.
• If the proposal relates to research, description of the research, 1-2 pages, including:
  • the problem,
  • what has been accomplished,
  • what is anticipated.
• Description of the proposer’s background and future plans, up to 1 page.
• Description of the benefit to the proposer, up to 1 page.
Narrative Budget

- List each proposed expenditure, giving the amount and stating the purpose.
- Each item in the narrative Budget must have been described in more detail in the Project Description, including the reasons for doing it.
Example

For example, in the Project Description you describe a trip to the Joint Mathematics Meetings where you will present a poster of the research results obtained this summer and attend the Graduate School fair to learn more about graduate schools you might want to apply to.

This would take a paragraph or two.
Example

In the Narrative Budget this item might appear as:

Travel to Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco in January 2010 to present research results and attend graduate school fair.

- Airfare $400
- Hotel $480 (4 nights at $120 per night)
- Per diem $120 (4 days at $30 per day)
- Registration $30 (undergraduate student rate)
- Total $1030
Proposal Writing Tips

- You (the student) should write the proposal with advice from the faculty and/or graduate mentors.
- The writing should be clear and correct.
- The proposal should present a professional appearance.
These slides will be available at
http://orion.math.iastate.edu/reu/AllianceOrient09.pdf
and this URL is on your Alliance Orientation Schedule.

For questions after today, e-mail Leslie at
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