

Northeast Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NEAGEP) INFORMATION for Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunities

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 Boston University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Pennsylvania State University
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
 University of Connecticut
 University of Maine
 University of New Hampshire
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 University of Vermont

Partner Institutions

Bennett College, NC
 Jackson State University, MS
 Lincoln University, PA
 Medgar Evers College, CUNY, NY
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Send Applications and program inquiries to

Northeast Alliance
 Office of the Graduate School
 c/o Crystal Burgess
 The University of Maine
 5755 Stodder Hall, Room 42
 Orono, Maine 04469 - 5755

Phone: (207) 581 - 3223
 Fax: (207) 581 - 3232
 Email: graduate@maine.edu

www.umaine.edu/graduate

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Program Features

- Train in Active, "real-world" laboratories at UMaine by conducting independent research
- Receive supervision by a UMaine faculty member and a near-peer mentor
- Participate in seminars & workshops on issues directly related to the academic, personal and professional growth of students
- Receive constructive feedback on the need for further undergraduate courses and acquisition of additional laboratory and academic skills, and have individual counseling on academic careers
- Visit with professionals on field trips and see other research labs, educational facilities, and application of science, math, and engineering

Program Duration

June - August 2012

Applicants

- Must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents
- Must be an under-represented minority
- Should be majoring in science, technology, math, or engineering
- Should have a genuine interest in research and teaching as a career
- Must fully participate in all program activities

Participants receive

- An overall stipend during the program totaling \$3000
- Free single-occupancy room and board at UMaine
- Access to campus facilities, e.g., library and athletic facilities
- A certificate of completion of the program

Application Requirements

- The completed application form
- A one-page personal statement
- Official academic transcript(s)
- List of current courses
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or employer
- Photocopy of birth certificate, passport or evidence of permanent residency
(please contact us if there is a problem)
- Evidence of health insurance must be provided before admission to the program

Application Deadline

April 1, 2012

Late applications will be considered if there is still space available.

Areas of Research Focus

- Biological / Biomedical Sciences
- Earth / Environmental Sciences
- Food and Nutrition Sciences
- Psychology / Neuroscience

There may be opportunities to conduct research in other areas at UMaine. When applying to the program be sure to be specific as to your research interests.

More information is available on our website about all of the departments, faculty and research at UMaine at the following address:

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DEADLINE: April 1, 2012



**Northeast Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NEAGEP)
APPLICATION for Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunities**

Name: _____ US Citizen / Permanent Resident*
Last First MI (Circle One)

Social Security Number (optional): - - Date of Birth / / Gender: Female / Male
Month Day Year (Circle One)

Race/Ethnicity: African American or Black / Chicano(a) or Mexican American / Native American / Puerto Rican / Other:
(Circle all that apply; of if "Other" please circle and specify)

Current Address: _____

Telephone: () Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Please provide address at which you can be reached, if you will not be available at the above address after this academic year (i.e. address of Parent/Guardian/Relative)

Telephone: () _____

College or University: _____ Grade Point Average: _____ on a 4.0 / 5.0 scale
(Indicate GPA and Circle above the grade scale your school uses)

Major: _____ Status: Fresh / Soph / Junior / Senior / Post-Bac

Expected Graduation Date: /
(Month / Year)

Faculty Advisor or Department Head: _____ Telephone: ()
(Circle applicable Title)

Areas of Research Interest: Please indicate first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) choices. (see Information Page)

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Have you applied to this program before? Yes / No If so, what year?
(Circle one)

Topics of Research Interest: (Be as specific as possible)

* Please provide a photocopy of your birth certificate, passport, or evidence of permanent residency

References

1)

Name/Position	School/Company	Title	Telephone	Email
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2)

Name/Position	School/Company	Title	Telephone	Email
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Previous Work or Volunteer Experience (You may attach a resume - if so please indicate "See Resume" below)

Name of Employer or Supervisor	Location	Type of Work	Dates of Employment
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Honors, Awards and Prizes

Items to be included in a one page essay

- 1) Describe any prior research experience you have had in a university or on a summer job.
- 2) Describe your academic and career goals and your plan to reach them.
- 3) If you have performed less than satisfactorily in any classes and you wish to explain the circumstances
- 4) Your family background & how that affects who you are (e.g., are you the first in your family to attend college, are members of your family recent immigrants, were you raised in a very rural or very urban environment?)

APPLICATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2012

I have included the following:

- Official Transcripts (copies are not acceptable)
- Reference #1 in an envelope sealed and signed by writer
- Reference #2 in an envelope sealed and signed by writer
- One page essay with responses to items 1 - 4 (on separate paper)
- List of courses being taken at time of application (on separate paper)
- Copy of birth certificate, passport, or evidence of permanent residency
(Your application will not be considered complete until all items listed above are received)

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Applicant Signature

Date:

**Northeast Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NEAGEP)
 RECOMMENDATION FORM for Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunities**

TO BE COMPLETED BY EVALUATOR

Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): ____ / ____ / ____
Last First MI

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380) gives students access to information in their application files. However, to insure that references will be free to write a candid letter of recommendation, an applicant may waive the right to see letters of reference. If you wish to voluntarily waive this right, please sign below:

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

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Evaluator's Name _____ Title _____
(Please Print or Type)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How does this applicant compare with her or his peer group in academic ability?

- Truly Exceptional
Equivalent to the best you have known - a person who, in your experience, appears only every few years
- Outstanding
Comparable to the best student in your current class
- Well above average
Top 25%
- Above Average
Demonstrated high ability
- Average
Able to complete the program
- Below Average
Lower 50%
- Inadequate opportunity to observe

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