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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: John D. Hulvey, Director, Sponsored Programs Administration and Accounting

SUBJECT: National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) – Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program (SURF)

DATE: November 26, 2007

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites participants to apply for the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship ([SURE](#)) program. SURF is for students majoring in science, mathematics and engineering. SURFing is a partnership, supported by NIST, NSF, and the participating colleges/universities. Applications for participation are only accepted from colleges or universities, and not from individual students. Application materials will be coordinated through the Office of Sponsored (OSP).

Total Anticipated Funding Amount: Students compete for these paid fellowships at the Gaithersburg, MD or the Boulder, CO site. The actual number of awards supported will depend on the level of cost sharing by the college/university proposes, however, the ability to cost share is NOT a criteria for acceptance into the program. The program dates are set for May 27 to August 8, 2008 (11 weeks) for both sites.

- **Gaithersburg, MD - Anticipated Funding Amount:** SURF anticipates providing research opportunities for approximately 25 SURFers in the Physics Laboratory (PL), and 10-15 in each of the other Laboratories. Students can participate in any one of the seven NIST laboratories: Building and Fire Research, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, Chemical Science and Technology, Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Information Technology, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, NIST Center for Neutron Research, and Physics.

The Application Package (located at <http://surf.nist.gov/app.htm>) includes documents that are downloadable PDF files. The applications will be considered by all programs, with consideration of the student's preferences and research interests. The letter of intent should contain information that helps the review committee make an informed decision about the student, such as why the student wants to participate in the SURF program in Gaithersburg, Maryland and what areas of NIST research interest the student.

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- **Boulder, CO - Anticipated Funding Amount:** SURF opportunities are available for approximately 20 SURFers at the NIST facilities in Boulder, Colorado. Housing will be available starting May 24. Complete information and updates for 2008 will be posted on December 16, 2007 at the following web site: <http://surf.boulder.nist.gov/>.

All SURF Program applications, paper and electronic, must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 15, 2008. Applications consist of two parts: (1) The student's university must submit a grant proposal that provides details about its academic program and must nominate one or more students. (2) Students must provide copies of their transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a letter of intent or personal statement. **All applications will be coordinated through the OSP.**

If this information does not serve you, please forward it to the appropriate person(s). For further assistance in submitting a grant application for this funding opportunity, please contact Sponsored Programs at 568-6872.

From the desk of...

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