2016 Brandeis SMURF Program

May 31 - August 5, 2016

Brandeis University was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to establish a Materials Research Science and Engineering Center. The research in our Center concerns the combination of materials science with biology. We have very strong programs in the physical sciences and the life sciences, which we have combined to study this fascinating area.

The SMURF program for Brandeis Undergraduates includes:
• A stand-alone, substantive research project, appropriate for a 10-week period for each student
• $5,000 stipend
• Interaction with a faculty member and daily interaction with a graduate student mentor
• A full day faculty-led workshop on various research topics, ethics in research, and an early career panel
• Emphasis on professional development, including written and oral skills and preparing for a career in science and engineering
• End-of-summer REU poster session in which students present research results and conclusions
• Social activities and visits to local area attractions

For more information:
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2016 Summer MRSEC Undergraduate Research Fellowships

The Division of Science wishes to announce that, in 2016, we will offer five Summer MRSEC Undergraduate Research Fellowships for Brandeis students doing undergraduate research, sponsored by the Brandeis Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

The due date for applications is **February 24, 2016**, at 6:00 PM EST.

SMURF Fellowships will provide $5000 in stipend support to allow students to do summer research in MRSEC labs (housing support is not included). Students are eligible if they will be rising Brandeis sophomores, juniors, or seniors in Summer 2016 (classes of ’17, ’18, and ’19). No prior lab experience is required. A commitment from a Brandeis MRSEC member to serve as your mentor in Summer 2016 is required.

The Division of Science Summer Program will run from May 31 – August 5, 2016. Recipients are expected to be available to do full time laboratory research during that period, and must commit to presenting a poster at the final poster session (SciFest VI) on Aug 4, 2016. Five positions are available.

To apply, the application form is online: [http://goo.gl/forms/ksygMGGu3p](http://goo.gl/forms/ksygMGGu3p) (Brandeis login required).

Questions that are not answered in the [online FAQ](http://www.brandeis.edu) may be addressed to Steven Karel <divsci@brandeis.edu>. Additionally, there will be a question-and-answer session about summer research funding applications on Thursday, Jan 14 at 5 pm in Gerstenzang 123.