

Mentorship for Environmental Scholars Program (MES)

The Mentorship for Environmental Scholars Program is an internship for undergraduate students that is designed to increase the representation of minorities in management and research positions within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The mission of the MES program is to expose traditionally underrepresented students to research in the areas of biotechnology, computer science, environmental science and engineering.

Applications are now being accepted. To qualify, students must have a 2.8 Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) and they must have completed 60 semester hours. Upon selection, students will be assigned to one of several DOE laboratories across the United States, where they will work for ten weeks during the summer. In addition to a stipend of \$3,500, travel expenses and housing is provided.

Accomplishments

- ◆ Since its inception, the MES program has provided 39 internship opportunities at a variety of different lab sites, including Argonne National Laboratory, Oakridge National Laboratory, Savannah State University and Westinghouse Savannah River Company;
- ◆ In addition to the lab research, in 2004 and 2005, students worked hands on with the Savannah River Site Operations Office in conjunction with Harambee House, Inc., Citizens for Environmental Justice in Savannah, Georgia;
- ◆ Interns have presented their research findings at various national and international meetings, including the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Georgia Academy of Science, American Society of Agronomy, Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, and International Safe Water Conference.

Applications must be submitted (postmarked) by **February 3, 2006**.

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