

Drop-In News

Auburn University
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College of Sciences and Mathematics
Minority Drop-In Center

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2004 Kicks off 10th Anniversary of Drop-In Center



Starting in January of 2004, the College of Sciences and Mathematics' Minority Drop-In Center will celebrate its 10th year in operation.

For the entire year of 2004, monthly anniversary activities will be held to commemorate the mission and goals of the Minority Drop-In Center.

The Minority Drop-In Center was established in 1994. It is the home of a comprehensive academic support program for minority students in sciences, engineering, and mathematics.

The year's activities will include a Drop-In Center open house, a high school visitation day, a graduate school fair, as well as a fall 2004 welcome back picnic for current and past drop-in center students.

Highlights:

\$35,000 – \$70, 000!!!

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1st Annual Alabama
State Minority Pre-
Health Conference

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Need something to
do this summer?

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2004 Summer Bridge Dates Set

The dates are set and printed. The 2004 College of Sciences and Mathematics Summer Bridge will be held July 5, 2004 – July 30, 2004. This intensive four-week Summer Bridge program for 30 minority students will take place at Auburn University's main campus.

If you know of anyone that would be interested in attending this year's Summer Bridge please let the Drop-In Center staff know. The student must:

- 1) Be a minority graduating high school senior.
- 2) Have been admitted to Auburn University's main campus for fall 2004.
- 3) Have an ACT score of 18-26

(students with higher ACT scores who feel that they could benefit from this program are encouraged to apply).

- 4) Major in physical sciences, life sciences, or mathematics, or entering pre-professional programs in dentistry, engineering, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, or veterinary medicine.

The application deadline is March 26, 2004.

Paid counselor positions will be open for application in the Spring of 2004 so be on the look out for announcements!

Student Opportunities

United Negro College Fund/Merck Science Initiative

Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Awards

Awards up to \$35,000, which includes \$25,000 towards tuition, room and board, and billable fees. Mentored by Merck scientist and will receive two Summer Research Internships with stipends totaling \$10,000. You must be a junior with a 3.3 GPA.

Graduate Science Research Dissertation Fellowships

Awards up to \$40,000, which includes a stipend of up to \$30,000 for the fellow. Enrolled in a Ph.D or equivalent doctoral degree majoring in life or physical science.

Postdoctoral Science Research Fellowships

Awards up to \$70,000, stipend of \$55,000. A Ph.D or equivalent doctoral degree in a life or physical science – appointed as a new or continuing postdoctoral fellow.

More information.... www.uncf.org/merck/uncfmerck@uncf.org

Deadline: December 15, 2003

"Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved."

--Jeremy Kitson

Winter Scholar Symposium 2004 – January 22-24, 2004

Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi will host symposium for research, job fair, and recruitment fair.

More information: www.olemiss.edu/agem/wintersymposium

Ford Foundation Fellowships for Minorities

Planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level? Then check this website out – <http://national-academies.org/fellowships>. \$17,000 – \$40,000 individual stipends available for minority students.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

Fellowships available for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering. Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$27,500 for 12-month tenures, and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per tenure year. More information? – www.nsf.gov/grfp.

National Department of Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellow

As a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in disciplines of military importance in science and engineering, the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to award approximately 170 new three-year graduate fellowships in April 2004 based upon available funding. The DoD will offer these fellowships to individuals who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering. National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships will be awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree in various disciplines.

More information: <http://www.asee.org/ndseg/default.cfm>

DEADLINE: January 9, 2004

1st Annual Alabama State Minority Pre-Health Conference

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[http://www.auburn.edu/
cosam/minority](http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/minority)

The University of South Alabama College of Medicine chapter of Student National Medical Association (SNMA) will be hosting the first annual Alabama State Minority Pre-Health Conference on February 20-21, 2004 in Mobile, Alabama! The purpose of this conference is to expose undergraduate minorities to all healthcare fields and to better prepare minorities for entrance into healthcare careers.

This year's theme is "Lighting the Torch for Medical Leaders of Tomorrow". The conference is open to all minority students majoring in pre-health professions of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and allied health (occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician's assistant, etc.).

The conference will include workshops on financial aid, study skills/time management, interview skills, stress management, how to get in and stay in, medical student panel, how to prepare for entrance exams, and starting a MAPS chapter at your school.

The registration fee is \$30. The registration form along with your payment may be turned in to Mrs. Holland in the Minority Drop-In Center by Thursday, December 4, 2003.

Student National Medical Association is the largest national minority association for physicians-in-training.

Summer Opportunity for Pre-Med Students

The South Alabama Medical School BEAR Program represents an additional opportunity for underrepresented students to enter medical school at the University of South Alabama.

The objective of the eight-week program is to provide a specially designed, comprehensive, and consecutive, two summer sequential learning experience for underrepresented premedical students, in particular African Americans, during the summers prior to their junior and senior undergraduate college years.

To be considered for participation in the BEAR program, one must be a first-time sophomore student having completed only two years of premedical training at the time of application. **The application deadline is March 1.**

If you are interested in this program please plan to attend the information session as well as stop by the Drop-In Center to obtain a brochure and an application.



Don't Forget:

- *Future SEM Faculty Club Meeting – December 10, 2003, Parker Hall*
 - *Workshops still going on! Get your last minutes of studying in for finals!*
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