

**REU Cellular Engineering Summer Internship at Rice University
Application Deadline is February 15, 2008**

Program Dates: May 25th – August 2nd, 2008

Who can apply?

Any student with a science and/or engineering background who will be a university undergraduate during the time of their internship. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

How much prior lab experience is expected of applicants?

No experience is required. The program is designed to introduce students who are interested in science and engineering to the research lab. Much focus will be given towards learning how to do laboratory research.

NOTE: All application materials must be received by Feb. 15, 2008.

What's needed in the application?

Completed application form, resume, "official" transcripts, & two letters of recommendation. Mail to: IBB REU Summer Internship Program in Cellular Engineering, Attn: K. M'Carver, Rice Univ., IBB – MS 144, 6100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77005.

How & when will students be notified?

Students will be notified by email shortly after the deadline of Feb 15, 2008.

Do the letters of recommendation need to come from professors in the student's major, or any faculty member campus-wide?

They can be from any faculty member. They can also be from other scientists that the student has worked with.

How are individuals selected for the program?

Trainees will be selected by a committee using the following criteria: GPA, number of relevant courses completed, previous research experience, letters of recommendation and an assessment of their motivation, drive and originality. A strong interest in obtaining an interdisciplinary education in biology and bioengineering will be a prerequisite for inclusion in the training program. Preference will be given to students who wish to do research in their cross-discipline (e.g. a student majoring in bioengineering who wants to do research in a biology lab), or who will be conducting research projects that necessitate their spending significant amounts of time in both bioengineering and biology labs. Students will typically participate during the summer following their second and/or third years and will be expected to continue their research during the following academic year(s) on a for-credit basis.

How does housing work?

Students are housed at the Rice Graduate House (2-4 students per room). Housing is subsidized by IBB. Students pay a reduced rate of \$100 for June, \$475 for July, and \$105 for August. (Note: these amounts may change slightly due to 2008 Rice Graduate House pricing structure.)

How much is the stipend?

\$4,200

How do travel fees work?

Students will be allowed up to \$500 for travel expenses incurred from a one-time trip to and from the Rice Campus.