

## NSF REU BioNetworks Summer Internship at Rice University

Application Deadline: February 17, 2017

Actual Program Dates: May 31 – August 4, 2017

### ***Who can apply?***

Any student with a science and/or engineering background who will be a university undergraduate during the time of their internship may apply. ***Applicants must have graduated high school and be enrolled fulltime in a college or university, and must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.***

### ***How much prior lab experience is required?***

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.

### ***How do I apply?***

Applications are submitted online. Go to the application page (<http://bionetworksREU.rice.edu>) where you will be prompted for information regarding your academic training. You will also need to upload pdf(s) of your transcript and resume, as well as provide contact information for references (names and emails).

### ***How & when will students be notified?***

Students will be notified by email NO EARLIER than April 7, 2017. All applicants will be notified when decisions have been made.

### ***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 with whom the student has worked.

### ***How are individuals selected for the program?***

Interns 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 other STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) will be given the highest priority for admission to the program, as well as students with an interest in graduate school. Preference will be given to students who wish to do research that cuts across disciplines (e.g., a student majoring in engineering, mathematics or computer science who wants to do research in a biology lab), and students who have finished their second and/or third years of undergraduate study.

### ***How does housing work?***

Students are housed on campus (2-4 students per suite) and the program covers the cost of housing.

### ***How much is the stipend?***

\$5,250

### ***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.

**NOTE: This is a FULLTIME internship – exact hours will be determined by the intern's assigned faculty advisor after the program begins. All information is subject to change.**