To: Engineering Faculty Members  
SORP 2016 Research Mentors

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Date: February 22, 2016

SUBJECT: 2016 Summer Research Opportunities Program (SORP)

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program (CIC-SROP) is a valuable tool for the recruitment of Underrepresented Engineering Graduate students! These students will spend forty hours per week for eight weeks in your research laboratory and will travel to a national conference to present their work. We are looking for faculty researchers to host these students and incorporate them into their laboratory work. This experience will give the students an opportunity to see if research and graduate school is truly a good career fit!

If you are interested in supporting a summer research student, please contact us and follow the steps below.

Students are due to arrive the first week of June and the program ends the last week of July. An orientation program for faculty mentors will be scheduled in early June. This meeting will address the goals and expectations of the program.

For College of Engineering departments, half of the $3,000 required to fund the research student would be provided by the College of Engineering through the Office of the Dean.

This sponsorship will enable more students to participate in the program. Our goal is to create a strong pool of diverse students from across the United States for our graduate programs in the College of Engineering.

Steps in becoming involved in the CIC-SROP at Penn State:
1. Complete the attached form and return it to us by Friday, March 11th, 2016
2. We send you information we have collected about the student(s) available with their contact information. Or if you prefer, we can give you the SROP on-line application website where you may review and select your students.
3. We contact the student(s) to tell him/her who is under consideration for research at PSU.
4. You contact the student(s) to ensure of his/her commitment to research by conducting a telephone interview, and then feel free to initiate continued dialogue until the student arrives to U. P. this summer.
5. You contact MEP to confirm mutual interest in research, and inform us of your selection.
6. We confirm with CIC-SROP the official offer for research for the student by March 12th.
7. We inform you and your research area of official research commitment by the student.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Enclosure
To: Engineering Faculty Members

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SUBJECT: SROP 2016 Student Selection

☐ My department will provide $1,500 in support of each student. We understand that the College of Engineering Office of the Dean and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program (CIC-SROP) will provide the remaining funds required for student(s) participating in the program.

☐ My department will provide $3,000 in support of each student. We understand that the CIC-SROP will provide the remaining funds required for student(s) participating in the program.

We understand that the CIC-SROP office will make official offers.

Researcher: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________

Research Facility __________________________________________________________________________

Researcher phone: _______________________ Researcher email: _____________________________

Number of students to sponsor: ______

Majors of students researcher is willing to consider: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Types of research available: Option #1 _____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Option #2 ______________________________________________________________________________

Option #3 ______________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Research Sponsor: ______________________________________________________________

Date___________________

Return by Friday, March 11th, 2016. FAX this sheet to 814-863-7496.

Feel free to copy this form for other researchers and sponsors. If you have questions, please contact us.