EPSCoR
Supervised Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE)

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the SURE Request for Applications (RFA) as of **February 21, 2013**.
Last Day to answer questions: **March 28, 2013**

Proposals Due: April 8, 2013

Question:
Can there be two faculty mentors for a single SURE application?

Answer:
The SURE application module (an element of the Board's LOGAN electronic proposal submission system) can accept only one faculty mentor. There is no particular reason two mentors couldn't collaborate with a single SURE student; but only one of them can officially be denoted as the SURE faculty mentor.

Question:
I am trying to fill out the SURE student application form online at LOGAN but I cannot find the application. Where should I look?

Answer:
The SURE module for LOGAN will be available first week of March 2013.

Question:
I am an undergraduate but I'll be graduating Spring 2013, i.e. this semester and intend to go to graduate school in fall of 2013. Am I eligible to apply?

Answer:
The SURE Request for Applications (RFA) states "Students who will have completed their bachelor's degree before the research experience begins are not eligible." So you are not eligible.

Question:
Are Asian males eligible to apply?

Answer:
The SURE RFA notes that eligibility is limited to women and individuals who are considered underrepresented minorities by NSF: Black or African-American; Hispanic or Latino; American Indian or Alaskan Native; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; or those students with disabilities (e.g., hearing, visual, or mobility impairments). An Asian male would thus not be eligible to apply, unless he had a disability.

Question:
Does it make a difference that I was awarded a SURE grant in the past? Will that hurt my chances at obtaining a second SURE grant?

Answer:
Your having had a previous SURE award doesn't make you ineligible, nor does that fact negatively affect your chances during the review process.

Question:
How many SURE grants will be awarded in this competition?

Answer:
It is difficult to give an exact number of how many will be funded under this competition; but it is expected that the approximate number funded will be between 20-30, dependent upon how many applications are received, the quality of the applications, etc.

Question:
What is the contract start date for successful SURE applications?

Answer:
We expect a contract start date of June 1.

Question:
Is it sufficient for the research experience to be performed over one semester only?

Answer:
The SURE Request for Applications states that "a research experience may be completed in one summer; over summer and the following (fall) semester/term; over summer and the following fall and spring semesters/terms; or over the fall and spring semesters/terms." You should also keep in mind that the student should dedicate a level of effort consistent with no less than 320 hours of work over the course of the research experience.

Question:
Is sociology considered one of the disciplines that would be eligible?

Answer:
Sociology is one of the disciplines supported by NSF, so it would be considered a STEM discipline, and would thus be eligible.