

# 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 14, 2014**.

Last Day to answer questions: **March 20, 2014**

**Proposals Due: April 8, 2013**

Question:

I would like to sponsor a student that is not currently enrolled this semester but who is scheduled to return to school this summer. Does the student have to be currently enrolled to be eligible to submit an application?

Answer:

As long as the student will be matriculated full-time when the SURE research experience is to start, the student would be eligible. The only exception to the full-time rule is if the student has disabilities that prevent him/her from enrolling full time.

Question:

Are professional program students like pharmacy students (PharmD) are eligible to apply to this opportunity?

Answer:

The RFA states (in Section B.2) that eligible disciplines are those STEM fields that are supported by NSF. It is up to the proposer to provide evidence that the selected discipline is one that is supported by NSF.

Question:

I am current Junior Mathematics major at (University), and one of my professors recommended to me the SURE research grant. While reading the application, I came accross point B2. This states: "Eligibility is further limited to female students or students (male or female) who are considered underrepresented minorities by NSF..." Does this mean that white males are ineligible for the opportunity?

Answer:

The SURE program is one of the mechanisms Louisiana EPSCoR uses to help meet the National Science Foundation's commitment to diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) research and education. Student participation is limited as noted in the RFA, so males who do not fall into one of the listed categories (which includes persons with disabilities) are not eligible.