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 **September 20, 2019**.

Proposals Due: November 8, 2019

Question:
I see that the SURE grant research area needs to focus on manufacturing. Do you ever consider proposals that deal with research in stem cells and biomanufacturing of cells in a large, reproducible manner for research and clinical application or does that not fit at all? I figure this could be a long shot but that I would ask to be sure.

Answer:
Board staff are not allowed to assist proposers regarding the suitability or appropriateness of the themes and scope of proposed projects. Per the RFP, "Priority will be given to research topics relevant to the two CIMM Science and Technology Thrust areas described in Section A.1, as well as emerging areas of data-driven materials science and machine learning with applications to manufacturing. Other topics relevant for advanced manufacturing are also acceptable."

Question:
I am a synthetic chemistry working on synthetic organometallic chemistry. One of my research students wants to apply for SURE. She is pursuing professional chemistry and wants to go to graduate school. She has a perfect GPA so far and has three more semesters to graduate. I am wondering if my research project will meet the requirements of metal processing/utilization. Our goal is to develop low-band gap containing organometallic polyacenes. Since we are working on organometallilc compounds, metal is associated in our every step. However, before spending time and energy, I want to make sure that our projects meet the requirements.

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