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 **January 31, 2024**, which was the last day to answer questions.

Proposals Due: February 28, 2024

Question:

Would you confirm if international students are eligible recipients of SURE 2024 grants? Also, would you confirm any limit on number of recipients for the SURE grant?

Answer:

Thank you for your inquiry. The only requirements from the Louisiana EPSCoR office are: 1) you are a full-time undergraduate student at a Louisiana institution of higher education and 2) you are either a female and/or underrepresented minority as defined by NSF. However, I would encourage you to reach out to your institutions' office of sponsored programs to ensure there are no restrictions on the student receiving a stipend as a result of the participation in the SURE program.

There are no limits on the number of applicants allowed to submit. Applications are reviewed by an external reviewer, and the Board will support as many meritorious proposals as funding allows.

Question:

I recently came to know that SURE is requesting for applications. I have a high-school student who is already working in our lab here at LSU, and he will be joining LSU as an undergraduate student later this year (August 2024). In his case, is he eligible to apply for this program this year?

Answer:

Per the RFP, "The period of performance is to be May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025." The student would need to be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student during that entire period so this student would not be eligible this round.

Question:

I am a third-year mechanical engineering undergraduate at Louisiana State University. I am reaching out with a question pertaining to the Supervised Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE) application.

I have discussed this opportunity with one of my professors, and we are exploring research topics. The idea that we are leaning towards would span two laboratories, so I anticipate receiving guidance from two faculty members in this proposed research project. Would it be possible to submit an application with two faculty mentors?

Answer:

You may have two faculty mentors. However, only one can be listed as the PI on the contract. Therefore, one will have to be identified as the primary mentor. However, you can discuss both mentors and their role when you explain the proposed research project.