

## **SwI STEM Early Undergraduate Research Program**

### **Student Eligibility Criteria and Obligations**

#### **Student Application:**

- Students must submit a formal application to the Dean's Office by the first Friday in February (February 5, 2010).
- Students must include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Students must include a statement of research/academic interests and career goals.
- Invitations to participate will be made to those selected. Positions supported by this program are limited.

#### **Student Eligibility Criteria:**

- Students must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Students should have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing during the duration of the Undergraduate Research Program.
- Students must be majoring in one of the STEM disciplines at USI or ITCC.
- Students must have completed 12 credit hours of course work during their first semester at USI or ITCC and must be currently enrolled in at least 12 hours of course work during their second semester at USI or ITCC. Students must have completed at least one STEM course.
- Students must be interested in experiencing meaningful research activity under direct supervision of one or more faculty.
- Students will receive a \$3000 stipend for their participation in the Summer Research Program. Students will also be provided room and board at USI during this program.
- The stipend and housing allowance will be available to the student for the following summer if the student has satisfactorily fulfilled all the student obligations and maintains full-time status during their third and fourth semesters at USI or ITCC, a 2.75 GPA, and is in good academic and disciplinary standing.

#### **Student Obligations:**

- Students are expected to commit to the program for two consecutive summers and the academic year between those summers.
- Under normal circumstances, students will meet with their faculty research leader formally each weekday during the Summer Research Program.
- Students will participate in a seminar each Friday during the Summer Research Program and give research updates at these seminars.
- Students will give a comprehensive oral and written presentation about their research at the end of the Summer Research Program.
- Students will continue to collaborate with their faculty research leader during the academic year and should enroll in a research course specific to their major.