

## MEMORANDUM

TO: MARCO/FCRP Faculty

FROM: Ginny Wiggins, Manager, Student Relations

DATE: May 3, 2006

### Announcing Undergraduate Research Assistants Program Summer 2006

The SRCEA is pleased to announce funding for NEW STUDENTS in the Undergraduate Research Assistants Program from MARCO and the U.S. Department of Defense. A brief outline of funding and selection criteria is included in this announcement; please go to the SRCEA Web site (<http://srceastaging.src.org/programs/ura/hrguide.asp>) for further details including basic concepts/guidelines, outreach, and application information. **Deadline for applications is May 17, 2006.** Awards will be made by May 26, 2006 for the summer term.

#### **Funding**

- Funding is by MARCO and the U.S. Department of Defense through the SRC Education Alliance (SRCEA) and is planned to be ongoing. Administration is through the SRCEA.
- Funding per student participant is \$6,000 per academic year and/or summer term.
- Funding will be provided as an unrestricted, non-overhead bearing gift to the sponsoring faculty member. Faculty are encouraged to use the funding to support stipend, research costs, etc. related to the student's participation in the URA. No accounting will be required, although brief evaluative information will be requested to help ensure future funding.
- Faculty may reapply for funding for the following segment of the program, e.g., fall 2006, and preference will be given to continuing students

#### **Application**

Undergraduates are nominated by FCRP-funded faculty using the following criteria:

- Demonstrated academic excellence as evidenced by grade point average and overall performance in the classroom setting;
- Declared major in engineering or a closely related field or good probability of so declaring;
- Strong interest in hands-on research in semiconductor-related areas and the initiative to work in a research lab while maintaining a high level of academic achievement;
- Enrollment as a full time student at the host university or at a university that will encourage and support participation in the URA Program;

- Citizenship or permanent resident status in the United States;
- No requirement for minority status, however, the program includes a focus on underrepresented populations;
- Priority is given to qualified students early in their undergraduate career, i.e., as early as the summer following the freshman year.

Further Information:

SRCEA Web site: <http://srcea.src.org>

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