2016-2017 WISP Research Internships

Information session
Thursday, September 29, 7-8pm, Filene Auditorium

What is the WISP research internship program?
The WISP Research Internship Program was established in 1991 and matches undergraduate women with faculty mentors in paid, part-time research internships in the sciences. WISP internships provide early hands-on research experience and the opportunity for mentoring from a research scientist or faculty member. Students apply in the fall term for research internships in winter and spring. Interns work 6-10 hours per week during and are paid $10/hour for a total of 100 hours per term. The culmination of the experience is a poster presentation at the annual Karen E. Wetterhahn Science Symposium in May.

Who is eligible?
First year women are eligible for internships in any science discipline. Women in their sophomore year may also participate in selected disciplines: chemistry, computer science, engineering, math, and physics/ astronomy. These are the disciplines in which women are most underrepresented nationally. Note that this is a paid opportunity, so students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents should check with the Office of Visa & Immigration Services to be sure they are eligible to work at Dartmouth.

What kind of work is involved?
Students will assist faculty in their research and are not expected to generate their own independent research projects. The nature of the work and the skills required vary depending on the project. In addition to a faculty mentor, some interns may be directly supervised by a graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or other member of the lab.

How do I apply?
Interested students should attend the orientation session in the fall term to learn more about the program and application process. Projects are listed in an on-line database, and students should peruse the database and contact potential faculty mentors to arrange interviews. At the end of the interview period, students and faculty submit their top choices, and WISP staff match students to faculty mentors. There are two rounds of interviews and matching to maximize the numbers of interns matched with faculty mentors.

For more information, go to the WISP website: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~wisp/intern/

When do I apply?
- September 30 – October 20: Round 1 interview period
- October 23: Submit top choices for Round 1
- October 31: Notification of Round 1 matches
- November 3-14: Round 2 interview period
- November 15: Submit top choices for Round 2
- November 23: Notification of Round 2 matches