

## Undergraduate Research Position Available for Summer 2004

**Wanted:** Summer 2004: Undergraduate Research Assistant to Aid in Data Analysis of a Census-Type National Survey of Undergraduate Research Applicants

**Description:** The REU-LG (Research Experiences for Undergraduates-Leadership Group) is in the final stages of a three-year national survey to gain insight into the numbers and types of undergraduate students seeking positions in NSF-REU (National Science Foundation-Research Experiences for Undergraduates) Chemistry programs. Limited data has been collected for the 2001 program year and extensive data for 2003. The URA (Undergraduate Research Assistant) on this project will work closely with Prof. Grabowski and will be responsible for collecting, correcting, and entering the data for the 2004 program year, converting all three sets of data into one common Access database, analyzing the data in a number of ways, creating charts and tables to effectively communicate the findings, and assisting in the preparation of manuscripts, PowerPoint presentations, and posters. University of Pittsburgh undergraduate students in good standing who are self-motivated and reliable workers are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Excel and its advanced functions (e.g., Pivot Tables), Access, and/or Powerpoint are a plus. Social science majors with interest/expertise in program evaluation and/or assessment, including undergraduate students seeking a Thesis project are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Renumeration:** \$10/hour, 40 hours/week, summer 2004 (exact number of weeks is negotiable as is starting and ending dates). Dormitory housing will be provided if needed.

**Apply by:** Applications will be accepted beginning 1 April 2004; packages will be reviewed as they are submitted until such time as the position is filled. Send a letter describing your interest in the position, the benefit the position would be to you, your qualifications for the position, and the names of two University of Pittsburgh faculty members who can be contacted as references. Include a copy of your resume, your most recent transcript (a student-issued copy is acceptable), and a listing of courses currently being taken as well as courses selected for Fall 2004. Deliver all materials to Ms. Deb Hunt (debhunt@pitt.edu) in room 107 of the Chevron Science Center. Envelope and letter should explicitly mention the title of the position being applied for.

**Other:** The Undergraduate Research Assistant will be expected to participate in the Chemistry REU activities as described on the web site (<http://www.chem.pitt.edu/reu>) including weekly cohort experiences, the Ethics Forum, the Duquesne Poster Fair, and the final oral symposium. Opportunity to travel to the ACS Meeting in San Diego in Spring 2005 for the presentation of the work is a possibility.

**Contact:** For questions about the job, contact Prof. Joseph J. Grabowski (joeg@pitt.edu)