

High School Students – Want a Job with the Stars?

NASA's Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program (NASA SHARP) is a NASA-sponsored research-based mentoring program designed for high school students. It provides an opportunity to develop and strengthen research techniques as well as written and oral communication skills, particularly in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The 2005 National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair, "Expanding the Circle," will take place March 24-26 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Deadline for applications is Feb. 14, 2005.

For information about NASA SHARP, call 1-888-985-0303, e-mail info@nasasharp.com, or go to our Web site www.nasasharp.com. Contact person is Marlon Robinson, e-mail at mrobinson@mtsibase.com.

For information on the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, contact Lucille Kelley, K-12 program manager, 2305 Renard SE, Suite 200, Albuquerque, N.M. 87106; 505-765-1052, ext. 107; or fax 505-765-5608.

NIH Announces Scholarships

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, and social science health-related research.

The program offers:

- Scholarship support
- Paid research training at NIH during the summer
- Paid employment and training at NIH after graduation

The NIH UGSP will pay up to \$20,000 per academic year in tuition,

educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses to scholarship recipients. Scholarships are awarded for one year and can be renewed up to four years.

Applications for the 2005-2006 school year must be received by Feb. 28, 2005. Please read the program information and application instructions by visiting our Web site at <http://ugsp.info.nih.gov/exesumfaq.htm>.

All forms and information are available on our Web site. If you prefer to receive an application packet by mail, however, e-mail your name and full mailing address to ugsp@nih.gov.

Humboldt State Offers Certificate Program

The American Indian Education Minor and Professional Development Program (ITEPP), Humboldt State University, promotes Indian self-determination by developing learning communities that validate tribal cultural values, facilitate academic success, and foster a sense of self-efficacy among American Indian students, educators, and other professionals.

ITEPP offers a five-course, 15-unit Professional Development Certificate Program with two different emphases (visit <http://www.humboldt.edu/~extended/special/AIE.html> for details).

You can earn both of these certificates with a minimal amount of travel and without being "regularly" enrolled in Humboldt State.

For more information or to register, contact the Extended Education Office at 707-826-3731. The cost is \$390 per 3-unit course. Out-of-state students who enroll through Extended Education pay the same registration fees.

For more information about ITEPP, visit www.humboldt.edu/~hsuitepp/ or contact ITEPP Director Suzanne Burcell at 707-826-5195 or via e-mail at smb7001@humboldt.edu.

AIEF Scholarships Available

The American Indian Education Foundation (AIEF) is dedicated to serving Native American students who have resided on reservations across the country.

Every year, we grant more than \$200,000 in awards. Because so many Native American students are faced with financial hurdles when planning their journey through college, AIEF wants to do everything it can do to support these students.

In addition to monetary funding, AIEF provides a mentoring component to students in our program. Throughout the year, they are supported through care packages, phone calls, birthday cards, and whatever else we can do to make their time in college more comfortable.

Applicant criteria includes the following:

- Native American or Alaska Native descent
- Attending an accredited two- or four-year college/university or technical/vocational school
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student
- An ACT score of 14 or above is desirable

- Scholarships are only for undergraduate studies

Scholarships available through AIEF include:

- Freshman scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors; \$3,000 to be awarded for the first school year only.
- Undergraduate scholarships are available to students who are entering, continuing, or returning to school and are not high school seniors; \$1,500 awarded for the school year.
- Paul Francis & Josephine Nipper Memorial Scholarships: All finalists are eligible to be reviewed for the memorial scholarships; priority is given to applicants who show true commitment to bettering their community; amount varies each year.

For more information, contact American Indian Education Foundation, 10029 SW Nimbus Ave., Suite 200, Portland, OR 97008; 1-866-866-8642, fax 503-641-0495; e-mail scholarships@nrcl.org; or visit www.aiefprograms.org.

Headlands Indian Health Careers Program Accepting Applications

NORMAN, Okla. – The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is now accepting applications for its 2005 Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, to be held June 5-July 30, 2005, on the OU Norman campus.

American Indian high school seniors and first-year college students who are interested in pursuing a career in the health professions are encouraged to apply for this intense eight-week enrichment program offering mini-block courses in calculus, chemistry, physics, and biology. These courses are designed to increase the students' knowledge and prepare them for the required college-level math and science coursework in pre-health programs.

Students will gain experience in the laboratory, strengthen their communi-

cation and writing skills, and attend interactive presentations at the OU Health Sciences Center colleges of Public Health, Allied Health, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing. Field excursions to health clinics and hospitals also are included.

Travel, lodging, and meal expenses will be provided for each student accepted into the program.

Program applications can be found at www.headlands.ouhsc.edu or call 405-271-2250. **Application deadline is March 15, 2005.**

The Headlands program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Native American EXPORT Center, with funding from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health.