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TO: Undergraduate students in Year 1, 2, and 3

RE: Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering

We are pleased to announce the third edition of the Faculty of Engineering's **Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering (SURE)** program for 2012. The SURE program offers approximately 125 summer research awards valued at a minimum of \$5,625. Approximately 85 of these research awards will be funded through the Faculty of Engineering, and 40 research awards will be made available through the **NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Award (NSERC USRA)** program as in past years.

In the SURE program, students work closely with a professor on one of their research projects for 16 weeks during the summer. The program provides exposure to the research experience, as well as opportunities to learn more about the graduate school experience and about careers in research.

The SURE research awards that are funded through the Faculty of Engineering are **available to students irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status** (i.e., the program is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and international students). On the other hand, as per NSERC regulations, the NSERC USRA assistantships are available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents only.

SURE Program Details

For details on the **available projects and to access application forms, please visit the SURE webpage** (<http://www.mcgill.ca/engineering/sure/>). Projects will be posted by January 18, 2012, so please re-visit the web site between now and that date.

1. Eligibility: Full-time students in Year 1 who have completed at least 2 semesters of study, Year 2, or Year 3, and have a **CGPA of 3.0 or higher**. The program is also open to May 2012 graduates. For the NSERC USRAs, there are additional eligibility requirements as stated in the NSERC webpage at http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/UG-PC/USRA-BRPC_eng.asp.
2. The SURE and NSERC USRA programs will be administered by the Faculty through the Engineering Student Centre.
3. The duration of the SURE program is 16 weeks beginning on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 and students are required to participate in research on a full-time basis.

How to apply to SURE

1. The first step is to look up the available projects at (<http://www.mcgill.ca/engineering/sure/>). All projects will be posted by January 18, 2012. Once you have settled on your preferred project(s), contact the supervisor(s) to discuss your interest in the research, and the anticipated research tasks and deliverables for the project.

2. If you and the supervisor tentatively agree that you should apply to the project, proceed to the Online Student Application form for which a link can be found on the project abstract page. **Application forms will become available as of Wednesday, January 18, 2012.**
3. Students may submit a **maximum of 3** applications.
4. Please use a new application form for each project you apply to. Once the Online Student Application has been completed and your transcript uploaded, please print a copy and **bring it to your supervisor along with your Official University Transcript** (McGill students may submit their unofficial Minerva transcripts).
5. Plan to attend the 'How to Apply to SURE Information Session', to be held **Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in ENGMC 304.**
6. The deadline for submitting application forms is **Monday, February 6, 2012.** We anticipate a high level of participation in this program and we therefore recommend that you **discuss your candidacy with potential supervisors well ahead of the February 6 deadline.** Application packages (ie. Application form and transcript) are to be submitted to the intended supervisor.
7. SURE and NSERC USRAs will be awarded on a competitive basis and award decisions will be based on CGPA and academic credentials. Award decisions will be announced after **March 2, 2012.**

I encourage you to apply to the SURE program and engage in one of the many exciting research projects available.

If you have any questions about the SURE program or the application process, please inquire in person at the Engineering Student Centre (FDA 22) or e-mail SURE-Info.Engineering@mcgill.ca.

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