

November 27, 2007

Dear Principal:

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is announcing the twentieth annual Summer Research Program for High School Students. The program will be funded next summer by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) and by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, Inc. (FAES).

We are inviting you to nominate up to five outstanding students who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing careers in the biomedical sciences. In the **2008 ORWH-NIH-FAES Summer Research Program for High School Students**, we expect to support 25 students again. Selection will be based on academic achievement, aptitude, and interest in future careers in scientific disciplines. Selected students will work in one of the research laboratories at the NIH and have an opportunity to become involved in ongoing research protocols. Each student will be assigned an advisor who will provide guidance and assist in identifying laboratories that are suitable for placement.

The program for 2008 will be much the same as in previous years. Students must be able to work at least eight weeks during the summer and will receive a stipend based on grade level. This program is designed for students who will have completed their junior or senior years by next summer. High School students who were participants in the 2007 program will automatically receive application information.

We believe that this program provides an excellent opportunity for outstanding students to develop their interests in scientific research. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in identifying students who, in your judgment, would be likely candidates for this program.

Applications should be made through the NIH on-line site

<http://www.training.nih.gov/webforms/SIP/application/SIPApp.aspx>. Instructions are enclosed.

Paper applications are available upon request. If a student wishes to submit a paper application, he/she must request one and provide an explanation why it is needed.

Completed nominations, student application forms and official transcripts should be postmarked or submitted electronically by **Friday, January 11, 2008**, and mailed to: **FAES, One Cloister Court, Suite 230, Bethesda, MD 20814-1460.**

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Carline Coote, at the FAES, either by e-mail at ccoote@mail.nih.gov or by phone at (301) 496-7975.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

The NIH is dedicated to building a diverse community in its training and employment programs.