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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

YOUR SPS CHAPTER CAN
RECEIVE UP TO \$2,000!

REQUIREMENTS

1. Only **ONE** proposal may be submitted by each SPS Chapter.
2. It must contain a precise statement of the proposed CHAPTER research activity to be completed within a calendar year.
3. It must contain a budget totaling not more than \$2,000.
4. It must be signed by the advisor and officers of the Chapter.

DEADLINE

All proposals must be postmarked on or before **NOVEMBER 15**.

SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL

Mail or fax one copy of the proposal, postmarked or faxed, no later than midnight, November 15, to Undergraduate Research Awards Committee, Society of Physics Students, One Physics Ellipse, College Park, MD 20740; or Fax: (301) 209-0839. **-OR-** Email the SPS National Office at: sps@aip.org, no later than midnight November 15, and attach the file containing the proposal to the email. The file must be text or an Adobe pdf©. In the subject line of the email message, please type: Undergraduate Research Award Proposal. For more information about this program, point your browser to:

www.spsnational.org/programs/undergrad.htm.

JUDGING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

The proposals will be judged by a panel of physicists and awards made in January. Proposals should be prepared with this in mind and should be written for periods not longer than one calendar year.

The following three criteria are equally weighted in evaluating the merit of the proposal:

- 1) Extent to which the proposal represents a “research project” or “other worthwhile activity” that is “meritorious” (but not merely promoting interest in physics for students and public);
- 2) Extent to which the project “shows evidence of imaginative and thoughtful appraisal of the objectives of the SPS program and of the ways in which the proposed activity contributes to those objectives.” Preference is usually given to proposals that emphasize student independent work and those of lasting value (i.e., purchasing equipment; travel support is discouraged unless travel is a necessary component of the work); and
- 3) Extent to which the project has a realistic timeline and budget, an acceptable format, and utilizes existing resources.

Indications of additional support from the department or other sources are also helpful. An interim report is due by the following June 15 and the final report is due by the following December 15. A financial statement must be included with each report.

PLEASE SEE THE WEB SITE OR YOUR CHAPTER ADVISOR FOR THE PROPOSAL DETAILS.

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