



Texas A&M University

NSF-REU#0552885: Development of Micro-Turbomachinery

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you elaborate on the travel assistance?

A: Each student will be reimbursed for the maximum amount of \$600 for economy, round trip travel from your home/school location to College Station, Texas. Original receipts are required for rental car or public transportation. If you drive your own car, we will reimburse for the gasoline and reasonable accommodation according to the current travel regulation at TAMU. However, the maximum reimbursement for driving your own car will not exceed an economy, round trip air ticket for the same destinations. Meal and personal expenses are not covered regardless of the mode of travel.

Q: Will I be insured while participating in this program?

A: Insurance is only provided for TAMU students whose tuition covers mandatory insurance fee. Unless participants in this program register and take summer class for credits, the insurance policy does not apply. A participant should have his/her own insurance.

Q: Are there other REU programs at TAMU?

A: Yes, there are several simultaneous REU programs at TAMU each summer. There will be common meetings and social activities for selected groups.

Q: Are there any TAMU students in this program?

A: We like to have up to four TAMU students participating each summer.

Q: What do I expect and how do I prepare for the program?

A: The program details will be available upon your arrival. Being involved in a research-intensive program, you are expected to assist a graduate student while having research experience. Field trips to relevant industries will be arranged, and weekly group activities are expected. You will also attend two short courses on Turbomachinery and Advanced Manufacturing, and a series of enrichment seminars on different topics ranging from technical communication, engineering ethics, research methodology, preparation for graduate school, etc. You will help to shape the program by filling out pre and post program surveys.

Q: What are the program outcomes?

A: At the end of the program, you will prepare and present your study in poster format. A participant may be selected to present at a technical conference or at the NSF-sponsored educational conference. We hope participants will gain research experience and continue to work in an R&D field in industry or at graduate schools of their choice.

Q: How do I receive the scholarship? What does it cover?

A: You will receive the total of \$5,922 for the 10-week program. Direct deposit to your bank account can be arranged. Payment will be available after the 2nd, 5th, and 9th week. This scholarship also covers your accommodation, meals, and other personal expenses.

Q: How is the accommodation arranged?

A: A participant can choose to stay at dormitory or off-campus private housing. We encourage participants to share names and email addresses after being selected, so that you can contact each others and share an apartment if you wish.

Q: How do I get around town and campus?

A: There are TAMU buses that go around town and connect different locations on campus. Check out <http://transport.tamu.edu/> for more details.

Q: What are different ways to travel to College Station?

A: You can go by bus, plane, or car.

- Greyhound provides bus service to Bryan (the twin city with College Station). Check out <http://www.greyhound.com/scripts/en/TicketCenter/terminal.asp?city=680416>.
- College Station airport (code name CLL) offers connecting flights to Houston Intercontinental airport (code name IAH) and Dallas/FortWorth airport (code name DFW). There is a shuttle bus from IAH to College Station (Contact 979-739-2836, or <http://www.groundshuttle.com>). Shuttle reservation is required.
- You might want to drive to College Station using your car, or rental car, and be reimbursed for the round trip expenses.

Q: How is the weather in College Station during summer?

A: You can expect 90-100°F and dry weather. It could exceed 100°F sometimes.

Q: Can I use other facilities at TAMU?

A: Yes, you may visit different libraries or use the nice and modern Student Recreation Center. Check out the sport facilities at <http://recsports.tamu.edu/Facilities/index.html>

Q: Does TAMU provide support to students with special needs?

A: Our Disability Service Office (<http://disability.tamu.edu/>) provides special support for registered students. Assuming participants in this program are not registered TAMU students, the Disability Service Office could advise and loan us special equipment if it is available.