

Applying to the UMN MRSEC REU Program

Summer 2018



Requirements

- Completion of online application form
- 1 page statement of purpose
- CV or resume
- Transcript including Fall 2017 course list
 - Unofficial transcripts accepted
- Letter of Recommendation
 - 1 letter is required
 - A second letter may be submitted at your discretion



Statement of Purpose

- MRSEC formatting guidelines
 - 1 page maximum
 - 12pt Times New Roman font
 - 1" margins on all sides
 - 4pt line spacing between paragraphs
- Focus on your research interests, any research experience, and career goals.
- Why are you applying to UMN MRSEC REU specifically?
- You will also submit a resume and transcript- you may use the personal statement to highlight strengths, but don't simply repeat information contained in those documents.
- Proofread!



Resume/CV

- Limit to one page
- Should be research/education focused
 - Highlight summer or academic year research
 - Student groups or academic clubs
 - Research equipment or technique experience (AFM, SEM, etc)
- Publications, presentations, posters, conference attendance
- Related work experience
- Exclude or limit attention to unrelated items



Letter of Recommendation

- 1 letter required, 2 accepted
- Submitted electronically via application link
- Preferred sources
 - Research advisor
 - Professor of lab course in major
 - Research internship supervisor

