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**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS ANNOUNCED FOR THE
2011 FASEB MARC SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

Bethesda, MD – FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced undergraduate student sponsorships for the 2011 FASEB MARC Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP). The FASEB MARC Program sponsors underrepresented minority (URM) undergraduate students for summer research experiences in the laboratories of FASEB society members who serve as summer research mentors for the URM students. The FASEB MARC SROP provides funding to cover the travel and subsistence (transportation, lodging, and per diem) expenses for the URM students, and contributes \$1,000 towards the cost for the students' lab expenses. In addition, travel award funding is also available later in the year for the URM students and their summer research mentors to participate in the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) or an annual meeting of one of the FASEB member societies.

This year the FASEB MARC Program is sponsoring summer research experiences for **71** undergraduate students at **18** SROP host institutions for a total of **\$288,564**. **Forty-three** SROP mentors representing 15 FASEB member societies will be providing summer research experiences for the students over a ten-to-twelve-week period.

The FASEB MARC Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. A primary goal of the MARC Program is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minorities engaged in biomedical and behavioral research.

FASEB is composed of 23 societies with more than 100,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of scientists and engineers to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to its member societies and collaborative advocacy.

2010 FASEB MARC Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)
List of SROP Host Mentors and FASEB MARC-Sponsored Undergraduate SROP Students

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard University

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Rajan Dewar [ASIP member]
 - o SROP Student: Gloria Lee, Mount Holyoke College

Creighton University School of Pharmacy

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Catherine Opere [ASPET member]
 - o SROP Student: Arnecia Flowers, Texas Southern University
 - o SROP Student: Edem Kegey, Metropolitan Community College
 - o SROP Student: Namonique Floyd, Gaston College

Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Marcelo Jacobs-Lorena [GSA member]
 - o SROP Student: Chinwendu Amazu, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Marshall University

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Wanda Elain Dubois Hardman [ASN member]
 - o SROP Student: Kelsey G. Cowen, Cedarville University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Nalini Santanam [ASBMB member]
 - o SROP Student: Rebecca Furby, Shepherd University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Monica Valentovic [ASPET member]
 - o SROP Student: Amber Mills, Murray State University

Medical College of Wisconsin

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Saul Suster [ASIP Member]
 - o SROP Student: Rodolfo Villarreal-Calderon, University of Montana

New York University

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Chiye Aoki [APS member]
 - o SROP Student: Manuel Amaya, University of California, Berkeley
 - o SROP Student: Ellen DeGennaro, Vassar College
 - o SROP Student: Olivia Moody, Bates College

Rutgers University

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Charles Roth [BMES member]
 - o SROP Student: Natalie Austin, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Martha Soto [GSA member]
 - o SROP Student: Kimberly Box, University of Kansas
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya [ABRF member]
 - o SROP Student: Ana Correa, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Paul Takhistov [ASN member]
 - o SROP Student: Liliana Fernandez, Albright College
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Tamara Minko [ABRF member]
 - o SROP Student: Lauren Henderson, Oakwood University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Shengkan (Victor) Jin [AFMR member]
 - o SROP Student: Selimar Ledesma-Maldonado, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Donna Fennell [ABRF member]
 - o SROP Student: ValaRae Partee, University of Georgia
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Daniel Seidel [ABRF member]
 - o SROP Student: Jonathan Porras, Marist College
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Charles Dismukes [ASBMB member]
 - o SROP Student: Kandyce Perry, Spelman College

Rutgers University (continued)

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Prabhas Moghe [BMES member]
 - o SROP Student: Izmarie Poventud-Fuentes, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
 - o SROP Student: Gabriel Suarez, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Mladen-Roko Rasin [SDB member]
 - o SROP Student: Jose Zhagnay, Stony Brook University

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Richard Webby [AFMR member]
 - o SROP Student: Aaron Deleonguerrero, Arizona State University
 - o SROP Student: Ronald Enrique-Santiago
 - o SROP Student: Denise Rogers, Appalachian State University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Jie Zheng [Protein Society and ASBMB member]
 - o SROP Student: Krystal Marie Herline, Augusta State University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Stacey Schultz-Cherry [ASIP member]
 - o SROP Student: Alexandra Michelle Rivera Serrano, Inter American University of Puerto Rico at Bayamon
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Stacey Ogden [GSA member]
 - o SROP Student: Erika Russell, Bethune-Cookman University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Maureen McGargill [AAI member]
 - o SROP Student: Ronald Leandro Valencia, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

State University of New York at Buffalo

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Margarita Dubocovich [ASPET member]
 - o SROP Student: Angelica Rivera, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
- SROP Mentor: Dr. James Olson [ASPET member]
 - o SROP Student: Denise Yancey, Jackson State University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Fraser Sim [ASPET member]
 - o SROP Student: Kristen Butler, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Rajendram V. Rajnarayanan [ASPET member]
 - o SROP Student: Donteeno Todd, Tougaloo College

University of Connecticut

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Ruth Washington [ASHG member]
 - o SROP Student: Angela Davis, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
 - o SROP Student: Crystal Sanders, Spelman College
 - o SROP Student: Charlena Jaclyn Doral, Chaminade University of Honolulu
 - o SROP Student: Carnisa Mariah Gilder, Cornell University
 - o SROP Student: David Mendez, Norfolk State University
 - o SROP Student: Jose Santiago Correa, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
 - o SROP Student: Katiria Flores Saéz, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
 - o SROP Student: Kadeem Hinton, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
 - o SROP Student: Rayshaunda Hayes, Chaminade University
 - o SROP Student: Sarleine Ortiz de Choudens, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
 - o SROP Student: Tristan Love, Wiley College
 - o SROP Student: Héctor Contreras Mora, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

University of Maryland Baltimore County

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Michael Summers [ASBMB and Protein Society member]
 - o SROP Student: Brooke Lewis, Alcorn State University
 - o SROP Student: Cassandra Nelson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 - o SROP Student: Cherelle Lemons, California State University, Fullerton
 - o SROP Student: Jean Damisse, Brevard Community College
 - o SROP Student: Joshua Brown, University of West Florida

University of Maryland Baltimore County (continued)

- SROP Student: Liberty Onyeali, Colorado State University
- SROP Student: Phillip Lee Price, Sam Houston State University
- SROP Student: Stephanie Acha-Morfaw, Hood College
- SROP Student: Tiffany Rolle, University of Baltimore
- SROP Student: Zachary Graves, Morehouse College

University of Miami

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Erin Kobetz [AFMR member]
 - SROP Student: Dorian Ball, Howard University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Geoffrey Stone [ASBMB member]
 - SROP Student: Cindi Ann Williams, John Jay College/City College of New York
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Richard Myers [GSA member]
 - SROP Student: Rafael Fernandez, Yale University
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Samrita Andreansky [AAI member]
 - SROP Student: Charne Thomas, Dillard University

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Laurey Steinke [ABRF member]
 - SROP Student: Keon Dewayne Wimberly, Xavier University of Louisiana

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Monte Willis [ASIP member]
 - SROP Student: Katelyn Williams, Hampton University

University of Oregon

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Darren Johnson [ASBMB member]
 - SROP Student: Brantly Fulton, Morehouse College
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Anna Hood [APS member]
 - SROP Student: Anna Hood, California State University, San Marcos

University of Rochester

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Lisa Opanashuk [TS member]
 - SROP Student: Keyra Melendez-Cuadrado, University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras
 - SROP Student: Beatriz Guerrero Ramirez, University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Vivek Prabhakaran [AFMR member]
 - SROP Student: Jessica Jiminez Rico, Alverno College
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Thomas Martin [ASBMB member]
 - SROP Student: Melanie Quintana-Serrano, University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo University College

Washington University in St. Louis

- SROP Mentor: Dr. Phillip Bayly [BMES member]
 - SROP Student: Joshua Jones, University of Illinois at Chicago
- SROP Mentor: Dr. Robyn Klein [AAI member]
 - SROP Student: Charise Garber, Eastern Mennonite University