**EPSCoR Research Experience for Minorities (EREM)**

**Background & Purpose**Maine EPSCoR offers these internships to increase participation of groups who are underrepresented in the disciplines of STEM. This program is designed to provide students opportunities to learn more about interdisciplinary science research, STEM careers and their academic fields through direct experience in research and internship projects under the mentorship of Maine EPSCoR faculty, scientists, and professional staff members.

**What You will Gain**

* Experience doing cutting-edge research on a university campus or science laboratory
* The opportunity to be part of a team of faculty, staff, and students
* A network of professional contacts and mentors
* Insight into academic and career pathways in science, technology, engineering, & math (STEM)
* An understanding of key issues facing Maine and the knowledge and skills to get involved

**How it Works**Stipend: $4,250 for the summer paid in three installments with a $500 in travel stipend and possible personal protection equipment allowance (summer = 7 weeks, full time (up to 40 hours per week))

**Eligibility
All Internship Applicants shall be:**

* U.S. Citizens or U.S. permanent residents
* Must be between the ages of 16 – 23 years old
* Must be formally enrolled as a high school, community college, undergraduate, or graduate student in Maine and/or a Maine resident enrolled as a student at an academic institution
* Have an overall G.P.A. of 2.5 or its equivalent

**To be considered for the program, applicants must complete the following:**

* Complete and sign the EREM Application
* Resume or CV
* Unofficial transcript
* Letter of recommendation from a non-family member

**Selection Criteria**The relevance of an EREM internship to the student’s academic and career goals will be an important part of the evaluation of an applicant. Applicants should note that it is not possible for Maine EPSCoR to arrange an internship project or award a stipend to all qualified candidates. The number of Internships made each year is determined by the availability of funds for the program

**Maine EPSCoR Research Experience for Minorities
Student Application**

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| **Section 1: Applicant Information:**  |
| **Full Name:**  |  | **Email:** |  |
| **Home Mailing Address:**  |  | **Phone:** |  |
| **Guardian Full Name****(If Under 18 yrs. old)** |  |
| **Guardian Email:** |  |

*Please note that in compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification document form upon hire.*

*The University of Maine System does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender expression, national origin, citizenship status, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran’s status in employment, education, and all other programs and activities.*

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| **Section 2: Academic Information:**  |
| **Name of Academic Institution:**  |  |
| **Mailing Address:**  |  | **Year Completed:** |  |
| **Major (If applicable):** |  |
| **Cumulative GPA:** |  |

**Section 3: Internship Preferences:** Interns will be responsible for transportation to and from internship locations. Please select up to three preferences. *(Travel stipends are available to cover the cost of mileage and/or public transportation costs.)*

**Location:** Select up to three locations that you are willing to commute to on a daily basis.

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|  | **YES** | **NO** |  | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Biddeford (UNE)** |  |  | **Orono (UMaine)** |  |  |
| **Boothbay (Bigelow Laboratory)** |  |  | **Walpole (DMC)** |  |  |
| **Gorham (USM)** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Research Interests:** Select up to three research preferences. This will be used to match you with a research mentor.*(Preferences are considered, but not guaranteed.)*

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|  | **YES** | **NO** |  | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Bioinformatics** |  |  | **Environmental DNA** |  |  |
| **Coastal Ecosystem Systems**  |  |  | **GIS and Informational Systems** |  |  |

**Please respond to the essay questions below.**

**1. Why do you want a research internship experience?**

 **2. What are your strengths?**

**INTERN & PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:**

I/We understand that students will likely be working in research laboratories and/or doing field work, and that I/they will be required to adhere to all University of Maine regulations regarding training, safety, and laboratory practices. I/We also certify that the information in this application is accurate and has not been purposefully misrepresented, and that essays are original. By signing below, I/we are granting permission to participate in this program if selected.

Intern Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Application Checklist:**  Please check that you have included the following in your application packet:

\_\_\_ Completed and signed application

\_\_\_ A copy of your current professional/academic resume

\_\_\_ A recommendation letter from a non-family member

\_\_\_ An unofficial academic transcript

**Your application packet should be submitted by the February 16, 2022 deadline to:**

EPSCoR Research Experience for Minorities (EREM) Internship Program

Maine EPSCoR at the University of Maine, 5717 Corbett Hall, Room 444, Orono, ME 04469-5717

OR email to:   maine.epscor@maine.edu with the subject “EREM Internship Application”

**Notification:**  Students will be notified of their selection status by April 14, 2022

Need more information?  See <http://www.umaine.edu/epscor>

Or contact Program Coordinator, Laurie Bragg, laurie.bragg@maine.edu

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