

The Professor Emeritus John Ricci Undergraduate Fellowships

Established by Dr. Raymond Stevens, USM, '86, in 2007 to honor USM Professor Emeritus John Ricci and his innovative educational program at Brookhaven National Laboratory, these fellowships offer a unique opportunity for USM undergraduates to pursue research at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, (just north of San Diego) California. The Stevens Laboratory focuses on structural biology and biochemistry research projects as well as the development of protein therapeutics. More specific information about Dr. Stevens's research interests is available at <http://stevens.scripps.edu/>.

USM course credit will be given in accord with USM Chemistry departmental guidelines. Financial support will include USM tuition, transportation, and living expenses, in addition to a stipend for a student and his/her faculty mentor (Participation by a faculty mentor is not required). If a faculty mentor does not travel to Scripps with the student then two student fellowships may be awarded.

The fellowships are for 10 weeks, the start and finish dates to be determined by mutual agreement between the successful applicant(s) and Dr. Stevens. The individual(s) selected for the Fellowship shall be an undergraduate science major, who is currently involved, or has been involved in undergraduate scientific research at USM, and who is interested in learning more about how scientific discovery is undertaken at one of the world's most prestigious biomedical research institutions. Students who are considering pursuit of a research graduate program upon graduation from USM are particularly encouraged to apply. The student(s) will have a strong record of scholarship, good academic standing, and demonstrated interest in scientific research and in pursuing science as a career.

To apply for one of these fellowships submit the following information to Dr. Caryn Prudenté, c/o Chemistry Department. **The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Monday, February 1, 2010.** The fellowship awards will be announced by February 22nd.

A complete application package will include:

- **An essay describing your interest in scientific research and your current career objectives. Your essay must explain why you are interested in the John Ricci Undergraduate Fellowship, how the Fellowship might contribute to helping you realize your career objectives, and what you hope to gain from the experience.**
- A copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial)
- A letter of support from a faculty mentor. (Your faculty mentor does not have to be your faculty advisor. It should be someone who is in a position to offer an assessment of your academic performance and potential.)

Application Forms available at <http://www.usm.maine.edu/chy/>