PROGRAM NAME: Undergraduate Research Program (URP)

Duration: Renewable each year, for four (4) years, based on academic performance while pursing undergraduate degree.

Description: URP is a systemic mentoring program, including financial support, research participation, and guidance to graduate school for high achieving undergraduate students majoring in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines. A college GPA of 3.0 or above, a minimum of 15 hours per semester, participation in research (academic year and summer), weekly seminar attendance, and GRE preparation are some essential conditions for continued support. URP is funded in part by the Department of the Navy, the Office of Naval Research (ONR), and others.

Criteria: Must major in a STEM discipline. Judgment, character, and particularly intellectual accomplishments are among the criteria for selection. For incoming freshmen, standardized tests (ACT/SAT) carry a weight higher than other “measures” of scholarship. United States citizenship required.

Cost: Enrollment fees (i.e., tuition, room/board, and fees).

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Other Notes: Applications can be found at http://www.phys.subr.edu/timbuktu.htm or by calling the Academy at the above number.

Deadline: Applications are accepted year round.

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(All fields must be fully completed.)

☐ SUMMER BRIDGE INSTITUTE (SBI)
☐ Undergraduate Research Program (URP)

(Check one or both)

PERSONAL DATA
Name (Last, First, Middle): ____________________________ Social Security No.: ____________________________
E-mail Address (Important): __________________________ Date of Birth: __________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: __________________________
Home Phone: ( ) __________________________ Specify Gender (Please check one.): ☐ Male ☐ Female
Permanent Address (If different from above): __________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: __________________________
Permanent Contact Phone Number: ( ) __________________________

*Ethnicity (Check all that apply.): *This optional information has no bearing on the selection process. It is strictly for statistical purposes.
☐ African American ☐ Asian American ☐ Hispanic American
☐ Native American ☐ White American/Caucasian ☐ Other: __________________________
Citizenship (Please check one.): ☐ U. S. ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Other

(MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT)

EDUCATION RECORD
High School or College: __________________________ Expected Graduation Date: __________________________ GPA: __________________________
(ATTACH A COPY OF AN HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSSCRIPT, WHICHEREVER IS APPLICABLE)
(Intended) Major: __________________________ Classification: ☐ HS-Sr. ☐ CO-Fr. ☐ CO-So. ☐ CO-Jr. ☐ CO-Sr.
LEGEND: * HS - High School * CO - College * Fr. - Freshman * So. - Sophomore * Jr. – Junior * Sr. - Senior

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION
MOTHER
Name __________________________ Address (If different from above) __________________________ Daytime Phone Number __________________________
FATHER
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MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
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P. O. Box 11776
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Received: __________________________ Status: __________________________ Letter: __________________________

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30 of each year for SBI; Year round for URP

Student’s Signature __________________________ Parent’s or Guardian’s Signature (High school students only) __________________________
Date __________________________ Date __________________________

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REFERENCES

Please list below the name, title/affiliation, and office phone number of the three (3) individuals you have asked to write a letter of recommendation. NOTE: INDIVIDUALS MUST BE HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE SCIENCE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING TEACHERS/INSTRUCTORS, OR COUNSELORS/ADVISORS.

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ESSAY

On a separate sheet, please describe your career goals, interest in science, and previous science experiences (science fairs/rallies, summer research, summer enrichment, etc., if any).

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This application must have the following documents attached:

1. Official high school or college transcript
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Essay (See Section Above)
4. ACT/SAT score report (all pages) for SBI applicants
5. Résumé (See sample résumés at our website [http://www.phys.subr.edu/timbuktu.htm](http://www.phys.subr.edu/timbuktu.htm))
6. SUBR Admissions application, if not previously submitted (for SBI applicants only)

The application and additional information on the Timbuktu Academy may also be obtained via the home page of the Timbuktu Academy: [http://www.phys.subr.edu/timbuktu.htm](http://www.phys.subr.edu/timbuktu.htm)

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