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USU recruiting high schoolers for high-tech research

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Utah State University is still recruiting high school students to work with faculty mentors who are conducting biotechnology research this summer.

Registration for the 2009 Biotech Summer Academy has been extended to June 8 to allow more students an opportunity to participate in the five-day program.

Students are paired with mentors to explore genomics; proteomics; bioinformatics; food and nutrition sciences; biological and environmental engineering; plant and soil science; animal, dairy and veterinary services; stem cell research; cloning and nuclear transfer techniques, giving them hands-on experience using professional equipment and methodologies.

The program, sponsored by a grant from Utah Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Camps and the governor's Office for Economic Development, is open to incoming juniors and seniors from Utah high schools. Nearly half of the participants in the past have gone on to attend USU on scholarships.

Applications can be found online at www.biosystems.usu.edu, in the "high school" section of the Web site. Participants are selected based on a written statement of interest along with their GPA and grade level. Cost is \$100, which includes room and board, materials and evening recreation opportunities.

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