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PRESS ALERT

2008 Biotechnology Summer Academy for High School Students at Utah State University is accepting applications

Started in 2000, the Biotechnology Summer Academy for High School Students was developed by the Center for Integrated BioSystems at Utah State University to expose participating students to the college experience and give them an idea of what the various life sciences and bioengineering fields encompass.

Students work directly with faculty mentors participating in hands-on Biotechnology projects. Areas of interest covered by the course include biology, genomics, proteomics, bioinformatics, chemistry, microbiology, biochemistry, food and nutrition sciences, biological and environmental engineering, plant and soil science, animal, dairy and veterinary sciences, stem cell research, cloning, and nuclear transfer techniques.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to experience biotechnological research at the university level and experience the college environment. The Academy offers an exciting glimpse of the many research and career opportunities available in biotechnology,” says Dr. Afifa Sabir, program director for the Academy.

The program is subsidized by a grant from Utah Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering Camps (ASTEC) in association with the Science Advisor in the Utah Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

With generous sponsorship through the ASTEC grant, this valuable program only costs \$100 to attend. Participants are also responsible for their own transportation to and from the program.

During their five-day stay at Utah State University, housing, meals, and materials are included to offer participants a complete experience. Students also participate in a variety of outdoor recreational activities in the surrounding area.

This weeklong program takes place on July 7 – 11, 2008. It is open to students entering 11th or 12th grade in the 2008/2009 school year. For more information, contact Ken Olsen at ken.olsen@usu.edu, 435-797-3504, or visit <http://www.biosystems.usu.edu/>. Online applications will be accepted through June 13, 2008.

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