



Dear VAS Member:

The VAS Fall Meeting for Undergraduate Research will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Science Museum of Virginia. At this meeting, five \$500 research grants will be awarded to undergraduate students to support their research during the 2010-11 academic year. In order to be eligible for a research award, the student(s) must submit a brief research proposal by October 1, 2010 to:

Dr. Michael Renfroe  
 Dept. of Biology, MSC 7801  
 James Madison University  
 Harrisonburg, VA 22807.

The faculty mentor for the project must be a member of the Virginia Academy of Science by the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submission of the grant application. The students are required to attend the VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting and present a poster outlining their proposed research. Both the research proposal and the poster presentation will be evaluated to determine the recipients of the research awards. The application for the Undergraduate Research Grants is attached and is also available on the Virginia Academy of Science web site, [www.vacadsci.org](http://www.vacadsci.org). In addition, the recipients of the research awards will present the results of their work at the VAS Annual Meeting in May.

As I indicated above, this year the fall meeting will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond. The poster session will be held in the morning followed by lunch, guest speaker and announcement of the research awards.

We are very excited about this program and hope that you will encourage your undergraduate research students to participate. Also, please pass this information on to other faculty at your institution who sponsor research students and encourage them to become members of the Academy and to participate in this program. Help us to make this a successful program and one that we can expand in the future.

Sincerely,  
 Michael Renfroe, Chairman  
 Fall Meeting Committee

**VAS Fall Meeting for Undergraduate Research  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
Saturday, October 16, 2010**

- 9:00 **arrival time**
- 9:00-10:00 **poster set-up and coffee hour**
- 10:00-12:00 **evaluation of posters**  
(During this time period, each poster will be evaluated by a team of judges. The judges will meet with each student and the student should be prepared to give a brief presentation (no more than 5 minutes) on the proposed research and to answer questions from the judges.)
- 12:00-1:00 **lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Invited Speaker**
- 2:00 - 2:30 **announcement of grant recipients**
- 2:30 - 3:00 **remove posters and depart**