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CHOOSE DEVELOPMENT!

with the ***Society for Developmental Biology***

Apply to become an SDB FELLOW and conduct summer research in developmental biology as a part of our newly NSF-funded **CHOOSE DEVELOPMENT** program. Our Society of scientists promises you a support system in which to thrive as long as you continue to do research in developmental biology.

Areas of research include:

REPRODUCTION • PATTERN
FORMATION • CELL FATE
SPECIFICATION • ORGANOGENESIS
• BIRTH DEFECTS • EVOLUTION •
ECOLOGY & DEVELOPMENT • STEM
CELLS • AGING • REGENERATION

in diverse plant and animal species

To learn more about the
CHOOSE DEVELOPMENT
program, see Dr. Ida Chow
@ this meeting
or look for the SDB Fellows
information and application
on our website
www.sdbonline.org.

CHOOSE DEVELOPMENT!

Mission: Built upon a culture of inclusiveness, **CHOOSE DEVELOPMENT!** is a three-year NSF-funded project through which the Society for Developmental Biology (SDB) aims to augment the diversity of undergraduate students that enter doctoral (PhD) programs in their pursuit of research careers in fields related to **developmental biology**.

Program: This pioneering program emphasizes professional development and research training under long-term and continuing supervision by expert developmental biology research faculty. Undergraduates with disabilities and those belonging to under-represented minority (URM) groups will be selected from a national applicant pool and matched to research laboratories with trained faculty mentors (SDB members) committed to enhancing their preparation to enter graduate programs. Students will be recognized as an elite group of **SDB Fellows** who will spend two summers (and possibly an academic year as well) carrying out independent research in the mentor's laboratory. The Society will ensure dissemination of their research accomplishments through the students' participation in SDB regional and/or national meetings, complemented by strong support and encouragement from members of this scientific community. It is expected that most, if not all of these SDB Fellows will choose and be accepted into graduate programs in developmental biology or related areas.

Eligibility: Undergraduate students with disabilities and those belonging to URM groups who are USA nationals (USA citizens and those born in lands under USA jurisdiction) or permanent residents ("green card" holders) residing within the United States and its territories may apply. Considering the duration of this program preference will be given to sophomores or students in their second year of undergraduate program at the time of application. Applicants must be willing to travel to a different city for summer research in case no appropriate mentor is available in the vicinity. A stipend and some travel/living assistance will be provided.

Application: An online application form will be available in December at <http://www.sdbonline.org>. Besides the application form, applicants need to submit a brief statement of interest that includes laboratory research experience (if any). A recommendation letter is also required from the applicant's academic advisor. **Application deadline: March 1, 2013.** Review of applications will start in January 2013 and exceptional candidates may be accepted before the March 1 deadline.

For additional information, please email Dr. Ida Chow at ichow@sdbonline.org, with subject title "Choose Development." She will also be available at the following meetings:

- SACNAS 2012 Meeting, Seattle, WA – Oct 11-12, at SDB booth.
- ABRCMS 2012 Meeting, San Jose, CA – Nov 7-10, at SDB booth (#819), FASEB aisle.
- SDB 2013 Southwest Regional Meeting, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT – Feb 15-16



Program Highlights:

- Paid summer research opportunity in developmental biology
- Long-term support from a trained faculty mentor
- Travel awards to present at SDB regional and/or national meetings

