The American Society of Biomechanics is committed to building a professional community that respects and promotes diversity and inclusion. To build on our commitment to promote enhanced engagement in the Society of underrepresented groups, ASB is pleased to announce a novel summer internship program aimed at providing research opportunities to students historically underrepresented and underserved in biomechanics.

The program pairs undergraduate students with host laboratories for an 8-week period in the Summer 2022. The exact dates of the program are flexible and will be negotiated between the student and host laboratory after the student and lab are matched up.

Students accepted into this program will receive a grant for up to $7000 which may be used to cover travel, temporary housing, and living expenses for the summer. In addition, all participants will receive an ASB student membership for one year. ASB anticipates funding 5 internships in this inaugural phase.

Students accepted into the program will be matched with a host research lab directed by an ASB member and will have opportunities to:

- Learn applied biomechanics research skills under the guidance of an ASB mentor
- Receive personalized mentoring and professional development/career planning guidance
- Build their biomechanics network with other ASB students and members in both academia and industry
- Participate in a virtual kick-off-event, attended by ASB Board members, mentors, and student awardees
- Present their work at a virtual symposium in early August 2022, attended by ASB community members
ELIGIBILITY

Both members and non-members of ASB are eligible to apply.

To be eligible, an applicant must be an undergraduate student from any group that has been historically disadvantaged or under-represented in research disciplines. We encourage all interested students to apply, especially those from under-resourced backgrounds.

Students must have completed at least one year of an undergraduate program by Summer 2022. Preference will be given to students who are not already in a graduate program in biomechanics or a related field.

Eligibility guidelines for membership of an underrepresented population will follow those described in the National Institutes of Health’s “Notice of NIH’s Interest in Diversity” (NOT-OD-20-031).

EXPECTED TIMELINE

January 31, 2022: Applications due
February 14, 2022: Recommendation letter due
February 28, 2022: Notification of acceptance
March 2022: Matching process to identify host labs for B-SURE participants
June 2022: B-Sure virtual kick-off event
June – August 2022: Summer internship period
August 2022: B-Sure virtual symposium

APPLICATION

Application details are available on the website.

For questions, please email asbdiversity+bsure@asbweb.org