The Laboratory for Energy and the Environment

Call for Nominations

The Martin Family UROPs

The Martin Foundation has made a generous gift to support a program engaging MIT undergraduate students in sustainability research. The program, now in its fifth year, will support up to a dozen "Martin Family UROP" positions during the 2010-11 academic year. Each Martin UROP will be paired with an interested graduate student who is a current Martin graduate Fellow and will work with the graduate student on his or her research.

The goal of the program is to provide new opportunities for undergraduates to gain research experience in sustainability areas and to foster mentoring relationships between Martin graduate Fellows and Martin UROPs.

LFEE, with the support of the Martin Foundation, also provides networking events for the Martin UROPs to enhance their research and learning experience. Activities may include a local area excursion and/or a research showcase on campus. Participating Martin graduate Fellows should plan to work closely with their UROP students throughout the semester.

UROP awards for Martin Fellows selected for the 2010-2011 academic year and later will total $1575 per Fellow (based on an average of 15 weeks working at 10 hours per week for $10.50 per hour). The UROP award may be used during the academic year or summer following the Fellow's induction into the Society. Fellows or faculty may nominate an undergraduate student for participation or indicate general interest; all Martin UROPs will complete an application for the position.

It is our hope that this opportunity will help build the student network for sustainability in the undergraduate community at MIT, much as the Martin Family Society of Fellows for Sustainability has done at the graduate level.

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