Once again this year the Mayo Clinic and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have partnered to provide an outstanding opportunity for our undergraduates to serve as a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Up to five (5) slots in this highly successful program have been allocated to Urbana campus undergraduates.

Financial support, in the form of a $5000 stipend, will be provided by Urbana campus units. The program begins Tuesday, May 28, 2013, and ends Friday, August 2, 2013. This stipend can easily cover the living expenses in Rochester, MN, with housing available at Mayo facilities for ~$700 per month.

SELECTION PROCESS: Because there are a limited number of positions for Urbana campus undergraduates, a preliminary selection by campus representatives of the Mayo/Illinois Steering Committee is involved. This entails a two-stage application process but is facilitated by the fact that the same material is required for both steps.

APPLICATIONS: Send the application as a single PDF document that contains:

1. A one to two page description of goals, interests and prior research experience
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. A current transcript.

This must be received by 5 PM Monday, January 7, 2013.

Submit applications to: Margret Berg Miller (meberg@illinois.edu)

Please pay careful attention to the goals and interest section. The SURF program is specifically designed for individuals who are seeking a research career in academia or industry. It is not appropriate for those seeking admission to medical or other professional occupations.

TIMELINE: Those selected to attend the program will be notified by email before 5 PM on Monday, January 21, 2013. Successful applicants must then provide the same material in completing the formal on-line forms available by clicking here, prior to the hard deadline of February 1, 2013.