

# 2010 WISE WOMEN IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

## REWU RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN UNDERGRADUATES

### Offers Summer Research Opportunities in:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Geography
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Nursing
- Nutritional Sciences
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- Physics



*Maesa Idries, a Chemical and Materials Engineering major, experimenting to quantify nano-particles in Diesel engine exhaust using small angle x-ray scattering.  
Mentor: Dr. Greg Beaucauge*

Each student will work directly with a University of Cincinnati faculty mentor. Each week, all women in the program meet as a group to discuss their projects and to hear from guest speakers about a variety of topics including decisions about graduate work, giving professional talks, reading scientific journals, developing leadership skills, and other skills related to being a professional scientist. A final presentation provides an opportunity for students to participate in a professional research conference.

### Valuable Research Experience

No matter what your plans are after graduation, having hands-on experience working in a research environment will strengthen your job application or application for graduate studies.

### Spend your summer with the WISE REWU program and here's what you get:

- A \$4000 stipend
- The opportunity to do scientific/technical research in a professional environment
- Mentoring by world-class research scientists

### Research Opportunities

The University of Cincinnati's Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Committee is looking for women students to participate in the 2010 Research Experience for Women Undergraduates (REWU) program.

### Research Areas

Projects range from examining lead and copper contamination of domestic water systems, to simulation of building semiconductors, to analyzing orbits around compact astrophysical objects and black holes. Close to one hundred faculty have suggested an enormous variety of projects from which the students may choose. In previous years, up to 20 women per year have been selected to participate. We expect to have funding for 20 new students this summer.

Undergraduates are paired with faculty mentors, and work full time for 12 weeks (June 14 – September 3, 2010). Because students are immersed in the research experience, concurrent classes or employment are not possible.

The goal of this program is to attract young women into science and engineering fields through a supportive, structured, research environment.



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Whitney Howard worked with mentor Dr. Bill Connick, to develop new strategies for sensing chemicals, with applications ranging from workplace safety to monitoring watershed contaminants.



Brittany Green, of the Department of Psychology, worked with mentor Dr. Heidi Kloos, to determine the role of rote memorization in preschoolers' learning.

### Comments from previous REWU students

*"This program allowed me to work full time in one of the top nanotechnology research labs in the country. It also helped me shape my career goals and educational aspirations. Thanks to WISE, I will ... finish my masters."*

*"My first lab meeting made me realize how passionate all of the post-graduate and current graduates are about research, and I am so excited to be in their shoes."*

*"Meeting so many strong, confident women was phenomenal. It gives me hope for the future. Also having the panel of previous students speak about their research experiences & post-graduate work gave me great insight."*

*"I formed good friendships with people in my department and lab, as well as identified and shared a common experience with the girls of WISE. A more appropriate word may be 'family' or 'lifelong' friends."*

*"I especially appreciated the opportunity to give a presentation. My primary interest in science is tied to education, ... making research relevant to the wider world. I feel better prepared for a job in science."*

*"I used to be scared of research, but now I have learned so much!"*

*"I had very good experiences working with this program: hands-on research, networking, and confidence. These experiences will forever continue with me throughout my life."*

*"The people I met and the opportunities (I had) are priceless. This was a very amazing experience."*

*".....It's a life changing experience."*