

UNH Seeks Students for Summer Science, Math Institute

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire seeks high school students with an interest in science and math to participate in its annual summer institute, Project SMART (Science and Mathematics Achievement Research Training).

The four-week residential program will be held this year at UNH, July 5 through 28, and will offer 75 high school students a comprehensive course on science, scientific thinking and problem solving. Areas of study will include biotechnology, freshwater and marine biology, and environmental science.

The purpose of Project SMART is to provide an advanced course of study that challenges, educates and motivates talented high school students in science, mathematics and computers, while acquainting them with the environment and resources of UNH as a place for higher education and research.

"It will be an intensive live-in experience where participants will learn the excitements of modern sciences and develop an historical and philosophical perspective for understanding the social and ethical issues raised by recent developments," says Subhash Minocha, professor of plant biology and Project SMART director.

The program is open on a competitive basis to selected students from New Hampshire and neighboring states who are currently enrolled in the 10th or 11th grade. The criteria for selection includes performance in science and mathematics classes, two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors, and a brief essay written by the student. While there is no tuition fee, all students are required to pay \$1,150 to cover the cost of boarding, lodging and field trips.

The Project SMART Summer Institute, now in its ninth

year, is co-sponsored by UNH and the N.H. Space Grant Consortium. Additional support is provided by UNH's College of Life Sciences and Agriculture and Sea Grant Program. Numerous biotechnology companies provide generous donations of chemicals and equipment.

For more information, students should contact their guidance counselor or principal for application forms, or UNH Professor Subhash Minocha at 603-862-2100, or by email at sminocha@christa.unh.edu. Application deadline is March 15.

This information, as well as all application materials and details about each of the study areas, can be found on the Internet at <http://www.smart.unh.edu>.

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