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Wyoming Community College-University of Wyoming 2020 INBRE Transition Fellowship Program

Application deadline: WEDNESDAY MARCH 4th 2020 (by 11:59PM)
(online process; Instruction and links are provided below)

Through a grant from the National Institute for General Medical Sciences the Wyoming Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) program offers competitive fellowships for outstanding community college life science students who are transferring to the University of Wyoming to pursue careers in the biomedical sciences. The transition fellowship will provide financial support for selected students to attend UW for up to 2 years and engage in INBRE-supported research activities in addition to their degree coursework. Note that the second year of support is contingent on meeting the requirements detailed below and receipt of continuing funding from NIGMS for Wyoming INBRE. The fellowship is \$2500 per semester for the fall and spring terms. Recipients of fellowships must transfer to UW and enroll for the fall 2020 term.

In their first semester, students will rotate through one research laboratory and take a 1 credit course on navigating University life and scientific research. In the spring of their junior year, students will rotate through a second laboratory. During this first year, students will have the option to engage in research in a laboratory of interest with INBRE approval. By the end of their second rotation, students will choose a 'home laboratory' to conduct independent mentored research and will be invited to submit research proposals for summer fellowships. Their research will continue through their senior year. Students may participate in additional or concurrent scholarship/fellowship programs with approval of Wyoming INBRE.

To maintain the fellowship, the student must:

- work ~10 hours/week in their assigned laboratory;
- maintain full-time enrollment and a minimum B (3.0) grade point average;
- attend specified INBRE events;
- present an oral or poster presentation at the Wyoming INBRE Conference and Wyoming Undergraduate Research & Inquiry Across the Disciplines event at the end of spring term.

Applicants must have participated in INBRE-supported activities on their community college campus and should be entering the junior year of their undergraduate studies at the time they enroll at UW.

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants, please follow these instructions and note that items 2 and 3 should be gathered prior to the application process, each as a single PDF file (2 PDF files: 1. Letter of application, 2. Transcripts). Note that your **faculty reference** MUST submit a confidential letter (in PDF format) online by the application deadline (see



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section 2). When applying (see details on process below), students will be prompted to submit each of their 2 items as separate PDF files.

The following are required for a complete application:

1. A completed **Wyoming INBRE application cover sheet** (completed online).
2. **A letter of application** including a description of the candidate's research experiences (INBRE and/or other); a description of the candidate's academic and career goals and expectations showing how these relate to his/her commitment to a **career in a biomedically-related field**; how the INBRE program has helped the candidate develop academically and professionally at his/her community college; how the INBRE transition fellowship award at UW will help the candidate achieve his/her career goal; and a statement of commitment to completing the INBRE research experience. The letter should not exceed two pages double-spaced and should be comprehensive.

The letter should be saved as a PDF file to be uploaded in the online application system with the candidate's full name in the file name.

3. **A complete undergraduate transcript**. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. All transcripts (if you have more than one school transcript) must be combined in a single PDF file to upload in the online application system.
4. **A letter of recommendation from an INBRE collaborator faculty** (see list of faculty collaborators below). **This letter must be submitted by the faculty recommender** as a **PDF file**. Instructions for this letter and a submission link are provided below.

STUDENTS: [APPLY FOR AN INBRE TRANSITION FELLOWSHIP](#). Applications due by 11:59PM on Wednesday MARCH 4th, 2020.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACULTY REFERENCES

Faculty, please note that this letter of recommendation is a critical component of the student's fellowship application. Therefore, it should be well crafted and should outline the qualities of the candidate that makes him/her best suited for this fellowship award. It should also emphasize the training and academic work the candidate completed that prepares him/her to pursue a biomedical-related career.

If recommending several student candidates for this fellowship, you must submit each letter of recommendation separately through the link provided below and rank the students.

The letter of recommendation must be submitted on institutional letterhead and include the signature of the reference. EMAIL references will not be accepted. Letters must be submitted in PDF format.

FACULTY: [SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION](#). Letters due by 11:59PM on Wednesday MARCH 4th, 2020.



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*****NOTE TO APPLICANTS AND FACULTY REFERENCES*****

The Wyoming INBRE Transition Fellowship program is highly competitive and supports students who plan to pursue careers or graduate program in biomedically-related fields. The student letter of application and the faculty reference letter are critical elements of these applications. Timely submissions are paramount; late or incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure submission of ALL application materials on time.

3. TRANSITION FELLOW SELECTION PROCESS

After initial screening of applications, selected students may be required to give a brief presentation on their research experience and participate in an interview with the selection committee before final selection of recipients.

If you have any questions about this WY INBRE Transition Fellowship Program, please contact the INBRE Project Leads or collaborators on your campus (see list below) or Dr. Florence Teulé-Finley, Wyoming INBRE Program Coordinator (fteule@uwyo.edu):

List of Community Colleges and University of Wyoming INBRE Collaborators:

- **Casper College/ UW- Casper:** Dagmara Motriuk-Smith (Project Leader), Dino Madsen, Florence Teulé-Finley, John Chase, Eric Mechalke, and Scott Seville
- **Central Wyoming College:** Bill Finney (Project Leader), Tarissa Spoonhunter, Tara Womack-Schultz, Jacki Klancher, Aaron Bender and Kirsten Kapp (CWC-Jackson)
- **Eastern Wyoming College:** Chris Wenzel (Project Lead)
- **Laramie County Community College:** Ami Wangeline (Project Lead), Zac Roehrs, Courtney Springer and Marie Yearling
- **Northwest College:** Eric Atkinson (Project Lead), Uko Udodong, Jay Dickerson, Michael Cuddy, Elise Kimball and Allan Childs
- **Sheridan/ Gillette Colleges:** Ami Erickson (Project Lead) and Rob Milne (Sheridan) and Matt Craig (Gillette)
- **Western Wyoming community College:** Bud Chew, Rocky Barney, Will Clark, David Tanner, Joshua Holmes

The deadline for receipt of applications is 11:59PM on March 4th, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

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