

Hi ASAP Members,

I'm Kristine Horvat, a graduate student researcher here at BNL, and I coordinate the WISE 187 Introduction to Research class for the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program at Stony Brook University. The WISE program was designed to encourage and promote women in STEM fields.

This Introduction to Research course is offered to first year undergraduate WISE women each Spring. For the course, students are divided into small groups of 5-15 members and participate in different hands-on research experiences over the semester at Stony Brook and BNL. The research experiences are in diverse areas including Engineering, Mathematics, Life Sciences, Physics and Social Sciences. Many of the WSE 187 students continue on as research assistants in project leaders' laboratories, making this a beneficial experience for all involved. I was an undergraduate WISE student in the Chemical and Molecular Engineering department at Stony Brook, and the experiences I gained through WSE 187 lead me to pursue further research experiences and ultimately a graduate degree, so I can testify to the success of this course.

Projects are designed and implemented by scientists, postdocs, and graduate students. This year, we will continue with our BNL laboratory rotation format, where the students visit BNL to work on a project for two Saturdays. We have chosen Saturday February 21 & 28, 2015, from 10am – 4pm for the upcoming semester.

I am writing to ask if you can volunteer to be a project leader for one of the course modules in the Spring semester. The projects can be a piece of the ongoing research in your laboratory, or an activity that demonstrates the essence of your field. The total commitment is about 11 hours. If you cannot participate, please spread the word to your colleagues and let me know if you can refer anyone in particular.

If you would like to participate, please let me know by Friday, **October 24**, and send me the following information:

1. How many students can you accommodate in your session?
2. What is the title of the activity? Please send a short description.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (khorvat27@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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