CALL FOR STEM FACULTY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORS
2020-2021 Michigan Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (MI-LSAMP)

The Michigan LSAMP Alliance (MI-LSAMP) is soliciting STEM faculty to serve as summer research mentors for undergraduate students. Students (up to 9 total) will be supported by MI-LSAMP for the Summer I/II 2021 terms to participate in undergraduate research projects with their selected mentor. MI-LSAMP anticipates students will spend approximately 20-30 hours/wk (250-300 hours total) during the Summer I/II 2021 terms actively contributing to their mentor’s scholarly activities. Faculty who are already mentoring potentially eligible students are strongly encouraged to submit their materials and encourage their students to apply for the program.

Proposals for both virtual and in-person research activities are welcome. Please note that faculty mentors who are paired with students are responsible for ensuring their Research Restart Plans are amended, as necessary, to include the undergraduate researchers for any in-person labwork.

Interested faculty mentors should submit the following to matthew.cavalli@wmich.edu by 5PM on Monday, March 22:

- An abstract of the research project in which the student will be participating (300 words max)
- A concise description (150 words max) of how the student project fits within the mentor’s overall research activities
- A 1/2-to-1 page mentoring plan detailing how the mentor will scaffold/guide the research development of these early career researchers including instruction on the responsible conduct of research (see example included with email)
- An estimate of the expected distribution of effort between in-person laboratory effort and remote work for the student

Project abstracts will be compiled and sent in a combined solicitation to undergraduate STEM students. Student applicants will be asked to identify their top proposed projects and, if selected, will be connected with faculty mentors to determine if they are a good fit for the project. Final project assignment will be determined by agreement of both the student applicant and the faculty mentor.