April 17, 2007

Dear Prospective MARC Scholar,

An application for the USF Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Scholars Program is below. This program is for African American (including Caribbean American), Hispanic American, and Native American students who plan to pursue a PhD, in the Biomedical Sciences after graduation. The MARC U-STAR Scholars program prepares junior and senior level students for two consecutive years who are motivated to conduct extensive undergraduate research, participate in faculty mentoring, and engage in scholarly activities.

A $10,000 annual scholarship stipend, tuition fee waiver, research supplies, and travel to research conferences will be awarded to five (5) selected students for this upcoming academic year. The student must have at least an overall 3.2 grade point average to qualify for this very competitive opportunity. If you are interested in applying for the MARC U-STAR scholars program please fill out the enclosed application and return it to the MARC office (ENC 3400) no later than July 10, 2007. Along with the application, an official transcript from all schools attended, and at least two letters of recommendation from teaching faculty must be included. You must also complete a one to two page typed essay expressing your rationale, desire and your commitment to a career in biomedical sciences, and pursue doctoral studies.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 813-390-2678, Rebecca Campbell, Program Assistant (813)–974–3997, or e-mail Clausell Mathis, MARC TA, at cmathis4@mail.usf.edu.

Sincerely,

Mark Jaroszeski, Ph.D.
Director – USF U-MARC Scholars Program
USF U-STAR MARC Scholars Program

Application Deadline: July 10, 2007

Send Completed Applications to:

Rebecca Campbell
Program Assistant, MARC Scholars Program
Dept. of Chemical Engineering, ENB 118
University of South Florida
Campus Mail Stop ENB 118
Office Number ENC 3400

Telephone: (813) 974-3997
Fax: (813) 974-3774
Email: rcampbe7@mail.usf.edu

We welcome your questions! Please contact Clausell Mathis at cmathis4@mail.usf.edu for all matters concerning the application process.
University of South Florida
Minority Access to Research Careers Scholar Program

APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Student Information

Name____________________________________ Gender________________________

Social Security #________________________

Local Address____________________________________________________________

City__________________________ State_________________ Zip Code____________

Local Telephone #________________ Cell Phone#______________________________

Email Address___________________________________________________________

Permanent Address_______________________________________________________

City__________________________ State_________________ Zip Code____________

United States Citizenship____ Yes____ No____

Permanent Resident____ Yes____ No____ Other_____________________

Race/Ethnicity____ African American (includes Caribbean American)
     ____ Hispanic American ____ Native American
     ____ Asian American ____ European American______ Other

Academic Information

USF College or Transfer Institution’s Name______________________________

Declared Major________________________________________________________

Student Classification ______ Sophomore ______ Junior ______ Senior

Expected Graduation Date____________________ ACT/SAT Composite Score______
Major/discipline you consider studying in graduate school _______________________

Total number of credit hours completed ________________________________

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average (CUM GPA) _______________________

Estimated Major Grade Point Average (Science GPA) _______________________

Prior Program Services

Check if you have participated in any of these programs

____ Student Support Services  ____ USF Honors Program
____ Minority Engineering Program  ____ Upward Bound
____ Black or Hispanic Scholar  ____ Area Health Education Center
____ Talent Search  ____ Latino Scholarship
____ Personal Excellence Program  ____ Jenkins/Kosove Scholar
____ Other: __________________________________________________________

List any previous research, training, or experiences:

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Awards, Honors, Leadership Roles:

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List all scholarships you have been awarded:

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References

List at least two references – including names, titles, and phone numbers – you have asked to provide letters of recommendation to support this application: at least two must be from faculty members.

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Personal Statement

Complete a brief narrative (one to two typed pages) that explains your desire to pursue a career in biomedical science that requires a doctoral degree. Explain how these goals relate to your participation in the MARC Scholars Program. Please use complete sentences. Type your statement and attach it to this application.

I certify that all the information included above is accurate.

_____________________________________________  ______________________
Signature         Date

In order for this application to be reviewed it must include all the following:

1. One official copy of all college transcripts
2. At least two letters of recommendation
3. Statement of purpose