Academic Level: Undergraduate Students

Description: The focus of the NIU Operation Etank program is in 4 Es areas – energy, environment, with aspects to ethics and economy incorporated into broader problems and related to the broader issue of sustainability. Operation Etank is NIU’s summer Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) program. Students involved in the program will be mentored by faculty members having wide-ranging backgrounds in relevant research areas, but their overall learning experience will include a number of opportunities to relate sustainability issues to their research projects. The NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology have a long history of working together on collaborative STEM projects and funded research. As such, the faculty members understand the need for engagement and teamwork. This technical knowledge combined with the ability to blend teamwork and presentation skills will allow Operation ETank to provide a wide range of research skills and projects for the students involved.

The eight week long intensive summer program on the NIU campus runs from June 17 through August 10, 2013. Each student will receive free housing on campus—and be paid a stipend of $4,478. To be eligible to apply, students must have at least 60 earned credit hours, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2013 by 4:30pm CST.

Program website: www.niu.edu/reu