

## **Personal Statement Instructions**

Please copy and paste one or two pages from a document which address the following:

- your relevant background - academic, personal, and service
- your career goals, i.e. your interest in pursuing graduate or professional-level work in a specific discipline/area
- the science questions that interest you most and the reason(s) for this interest(s)
- the specific areas in which you would like to conduct research and the factors that influenced the development of those interests
- your interest in participating in this program at the University of Minnesota

For a list of past research projects please visit <http://www.z.umn.edu/lssurp/>

## **Diversity Statement Instructions**

The long-term success of scientific research enterprise in our country is critically dependent on the development of a diverse workforce. Essential to the creation of a diverse scientific research community is the recruitment into educational and training programs of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds\*, racial and ethnic minorities, and others who are underrepresented in biomedical research (e.g., individuals with disabilities). Please utilize the space provided below to indicate how your unique life experiences will allow your participation in the LSSURP to contribute to a diverse research workforce in the future.

## **Biographical Sketch Instructions**

Please copy and paste (or type directly in the field) a short 75-100 word summary of items of personal interest that will help other students, faculty and staff get to know you:

- academic background
- special interests and hobbies
- extracurricular and volunteer activities
- future plans

**Eve Archer** is currently a senior at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, with a major in microbiology and a special interest in virology. Her future plans include a career that combines medicine and biomedical research. She is the firstborn in her family and is a dual citizen of Cameroon and the United States. Eve's hobbies include aerobics, music, reading, skydiving and community service. She is currently a volunteer at a local shelter for the homeless.

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**Ray May** is a sophomore at the University of California-San Diego. His career goals are to continue his undergraduate education at the University with an emphasis on mathematics and science, while also learning more about various cultures, the arts, and history. Ray is preparing himself for a career in the biological sciences or medicine. He is exploring physiology and pediatrics as career possibilities because of his keen interests in the health problems of infants and children. He enjoys golfing, swimming and hiking.  
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