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NTID Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Application

Student Name: _____   Date: _____

Student Email: _____

Student UID: _____

Student's Department: _____

Program/Major: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____   GPA: _____

Faculty Research Mentor: _____

Title of Proposed Research Project: _____

Have you received a SURF from RIT/NTID in the past?   Yes   No

Will this project count as a co-op?   Yes   No

Research Proposal (one-page limit): Below, please write a brief description of your research project. Include:
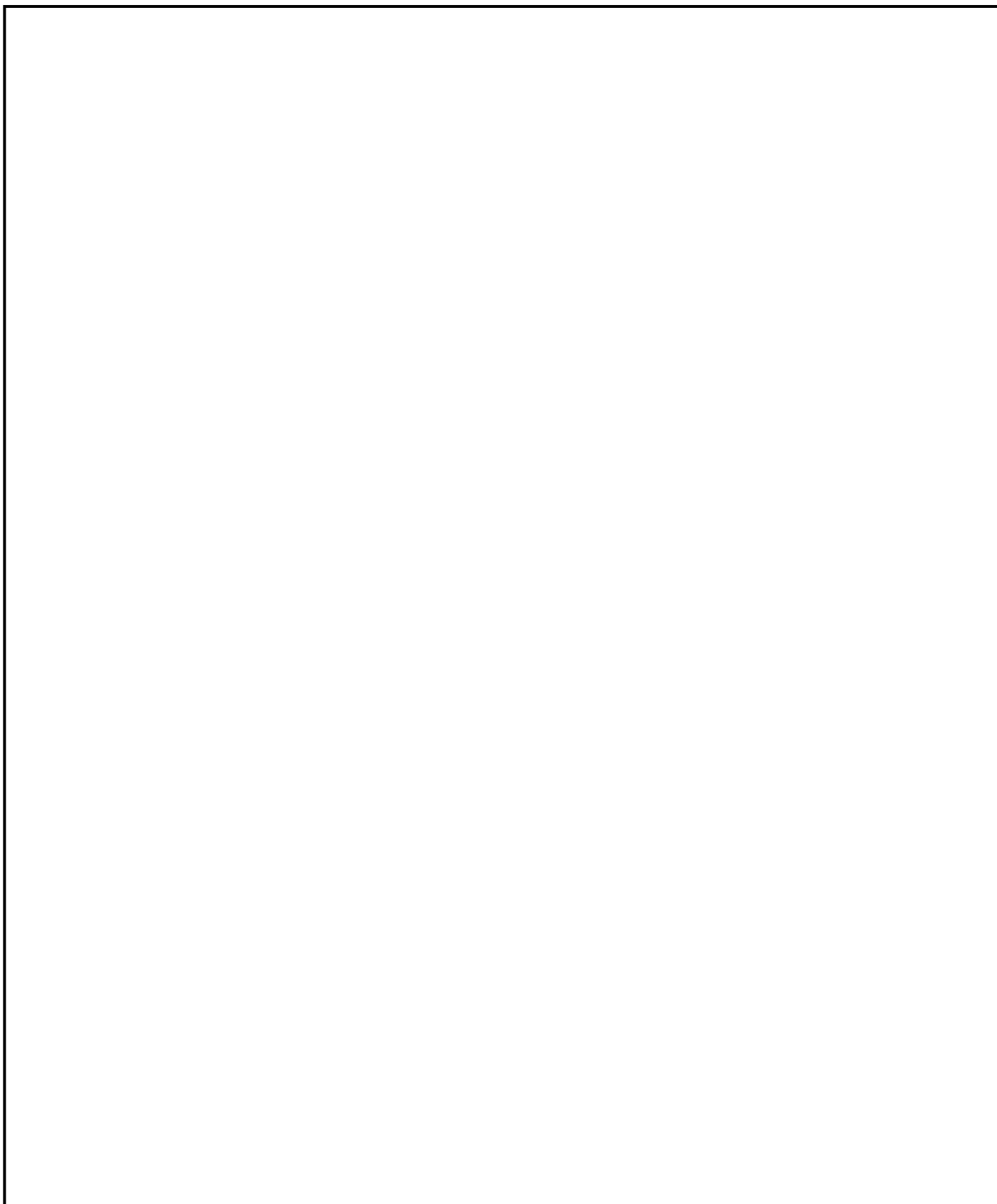
Statement of the Problem: How important would the solution to this problem be? What is known and not known in this area of inquiry? Why is this research important? To whom is this work of most interest? What makes this project novel? If applicable, provide citations from the relevant literature.

Project Goals and Design. As specifically as possible, describe how you will conduct your research and/or attack the problem that you stated above. What will your project methodology be?

This section must be written by the student, but approved by the faculty mentor.

Personal Narrative (one-page limit): Describe how your involvement in this research experience will benefit your future education and career goals.

This section must be written by the student, but approved by the faculty mentor.

Acknowledgment of SURF Program Requirements

I am an NTID-supported undergraduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or above

I will not graduate before the end of the summer in which the SURF takes place.

My research work will be completed in collaboration with a faculty mentor.

I am not conducting research under a current externally-funded project.

Students who are conducting research under externally-funded projects are asked to use those funds before applying for the NTID-funded opportunities.

I will present my research (with the approval of my mentor) at RIT's Annual Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium (typically held in late July/early August).

I am encouraged to present (with the approval of my mentor) at NTID's Annual Student Research Fair (typically in late April/early May).

I am in good academic, financial, and judicial standing at RIT/NTID.

SURF funds may only be used for student pay/stipends, they cannot be used for supplies, travel, etc.

I will be at least 18 years old by the start date of the SURF Program. If not, should my application be preliminarily approved, I will get written consent to participate in the SURF Program from my parent/ guardian.

I understand that the stipend received through this program may be taxable and will be reported to the IRS annually.

I understand that the SURF stipend may affect other financial aid that is currently part of my financial aid award. I will contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship if I have related questions.

I understand that I am required to work under the SURF program full-time for ten (10) weeks during the Summer term.

If I need to withdraw from the SURF Program, I will notify my mentor and Dr. Todd Pagano (tepnts@rit.edu). Further, I am aware that any stipends received under this program will stop under these circumstances.

I understand that, in order to be considered for program, all of my application materials, including the faculty letter of support, must be submitted by the deadline.

I confirm that the information I have provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Remember to ask your faculty mentor to submit a Letter of Support for your application.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

Research Mentor's Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

**Submit application form by email to Dr. Todd Pagano via,
NTID Professional and Student Scholar Development at tepnts@rit.edu**