Requirements

- Completion of online application form
- 1 page statement of purpose
- CV or resume
- Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation
  - 1 letter is required
  - A second letter may be submitted at your discretion
Statement of Purpose

• MRSEC formatting guidelines
  – 1 page maximum
  – 12pt Times New Roman font
  – 1” margins on all sides

• Focus on your interests, any research experience, and career goals. How do you expect/want a summer research experience to further your career goals?
• Why are you applying to UMN MRSEC REU specifically?
• You will also submit a resume and transcript- you may use the personal statement to highlight strengths, but don’t simply repeat information contained in those documents.
• Proofread!
Resume/CV

• Limit to one page
• Should be research/education focused
  – Highlight summer or academic year research
  – Student groups or academic clubs
  – Research equipment or technique experience (AFM, SEM, etc)
• Publications, presentations, posters, conference attendance
• Related work/volunteer experience
• Exclude or limit attention to unrelated items
Transcript

• Submitted Electronically via online application form
• Unofficial transcripts are accepted and sometimes preferred - avoid sending official transcripts if issued as password protected .pdfs
• Grades for most recent semester should be included
• If registration has been completed for next Spring - include course list*
  * It is useful to know what related courses you will have completed prior to the program in determining which research project you would be best prepared for
Letter of Recommendation

- 1 letter required, 2 accepted
- Submitted electronically via application link
- Preferred sources
  - Research advisor
  - Professor of lab course in major
  - Research internship supervisor
- Sources not recommended
  - HS Teachers
  - Non-STEM related work supervisors
What is not required

- There is no minimum GPA requirement
  - Technical GPA is more important than overall
  - Performance in recent terms is weighed more heavily than early performance
- No prior research experience is necessary
- There is no required class standing - i.e. freshman applicants are encouraged to apply
  - Applicants must be registered in a degree program at time of participation

Applicants in all STEM majors are encouraged to apply
Application Deadline

- **Application Deadline: February 15**
- The application review process begins immediately after the deadline- late materials will not be reviewed.
  - Make sure all materials are submitted by 11:59PM CST on February 15
- Request letters of recommendation well in advance and double check that they have been submitted.
- Only complete applications will be reviewed