Applying to the UMN MRSEC REU Program

Summer 2018
Requirements

• Completion of online application form
• 1 page statement of purpose
• CV or resume
• Transcript including Fall 2017 course list
  – Unofficial transcripts accepted
• 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
  – 4pt line spacing between paragraphs

• Focus on your research interests, any research experience, and 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 of academic clubs
  – Research equipment or technique experience (AFM, SEM, etc)
• Publications, presentations, posters, conference attendance
• Related work experience
• Exclude or limit attention to unrelated items
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