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Dear Prospective 2019-2020 WiscAMP STEM-Inspire Scholars:

The Wisconsin Alliance for Minority Participation (WiscAMP) STEM-Inspire Program at UWM is committed to enhance learning opportunities for our students by providing faculty and peer mentoring; facilitating student development through communication with professionals within the STEM discipline; and encouraging student participation in undergraduate research. This program has successfully helped 158 students since its inception.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, which is funded by the National Science Foundation, UWS Growth Agenda Grant, and the UWM Division of Global Inclusion and Engagement. The application deadline for all applicants is August 7, 2019 at noon. Please complete an online application form at https://uwm.edu/steminspire/apply-to-program/. In addition, you must submit a most recent copy of your unofficial transcript and reference letter (letter is required for new applicants only) electronically to stem-inspire@uwm.edu. You will be notified of our decision beginning on August 16, 2019.

As a WiscAMP STEM-Inspire Scholar, you are encouraged to contribute to the success of all of your peers by participating in one of the two program levels: a participant or peer mentor. Both of these levels are described below. If you are interested in becoming either a participant or a peer mentor, please indicate your preference on the application form.

- **Participants**: Students are paired with a faculty mentor and a peer mentor, who will assist them in navigating their way through the academic year. The faculty/peer mentors will also help students on improving academic skills, persisting in STEM majors and identifying research opportunities, which can be an intimidating task. Participants are required to complete a series of peer mentoring handouts related to holistic student success, as well as meeting monthly with their peer mentor and faculty mentor. Students are asked to attend at least one professional development event per semester, and write a reflection on what they have learned.

- **Peer Mentors**: Students are paired with a faculty mentor, in addition to having the same rights and benefits as the Participants. Peer Mentors are seniors who have shown evidence of being able to succeed at the University by earning a GPA of 3.0 or better, and have participated in conferences, research experiences, and professional presentations. Peer mentors meet monthly with their mentees to complete assignments, discuss upcoming conference and internship opportunities, and share experiences that can help their mentees to perform well academically.
If you are accepted into the program, you are required to attend the Fall 2019 Orientation Session in September. More details on date, time, and location will be available in the near future.

We look forward to receiving your application for the 2019-20 academic year. If you need help with completing the application, please email WiscAMP Coordinator Anique Ruiz at anique@uwm.edu.

Sincerely,

The WiscAMP STEM-Inspire Staff