Dear SSTP Alumni:

As a past participant of a University of Florida Center for Precollegiate Education and Training (CPET) program, you are invited to apply for a counselor position for the 58th Annual Student Science Training Program.

Counselors are an integral part of our summer program providing leadership, mentorship, and supervision for the up to 90 SSTP participants. A counselor’s responsibilities are multifaceted and range from working in the CPET office, to planning, organizing, and implementing activities, to facilitating a safe and inclusive residential environment, to serving as a TA for the Honors Seminar and leading study group. The counselor position is challenging, engaging, demanding, and one of the most rewarding jobs you will ever have.

We are seeking applications from SSTP alumni who are motivated, responsible, caring, energetic, and ready to “give back” to the program. The 2016 participants will look up to you as you looked up to the SSTP counselors from your program year. SSTP alumni ready to serve as counselors understand that being a counselor is an opportunity to shape the 2016 participants’ experiences, not relive his or her SSTP experience. Each SSTP year is unique for both the participants and the counselors.

SSTP Counselors will be hired for a 9 to 11 week period, beginning in mid to late May. The dates for this year's seven-week SSTP are June 12th to July 30th. Counselors will be provided set time off during weeks two thru six and one weekend off during the program. Employment contracts will end at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 31st. SSTP Counselors may not be enrolled in summer classes or assume outside responsibilities.

SSTP counselors are provided a bedroom (shared suite) on a program-occupied floor in Beaty Towers and are paid on contract as follows: 1st year $400 per week, 2nd year $425 per week, and 3rd year $450 per week. Counselors will also receive a $150 stipend for dining with SSTP participants (paid as part of the weekly compensation).

If you are interested in a counselor position, please let me know - christy@cpet.ufl.edu! Then complete an on-line application. A link to the application and additional information about applying are located on our website: www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/sstp.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Select applicants will be offered an interview (in person or a phone interview for out-of-town applicants). If you have any questions or difficulties with the on-line application process, please give us a call at 352-392-2310.

Enclosed is a flyer for the 2016 SSTP and a flyer summarizing high school programs offered by CPET next summer. Please share the flyers with those who may be interested in applying.

I hope you continue to enjoy many academic challenges and successes. I wish you the best and encourage you to keep in touch with us.

All the best,

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