

U. S. Department of Energy & National Institutes of Health

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Dear President, Chancellor, or Director:

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are pleased to announce that they will nominate and sponsor a maximum of 55 graduate students to attend the 61st annual meeting of Nobel Laureates and students in Lindau, Germany, from June 26 through July 1, 2011. This year, we are increasing the number of applications accepted by the sponsors. We invite you to nominate up to *two* students for each sponsor to be considered for this very exciting opportunity.

Since 1951, Nobel Prize winners and students in chemistry, physics, and physiology or medicine have met annually in Lindau, located on Lake Constance in southwestern Germany. It is anticipated that some 550 students from more than 70 countries will attend the weeklong meeting in 2011. There are formal lectures in the morning, and the remainder of the day is set aside for the students to meet informally with the Nobel Laureate scientists, as well as with their fellow students from around the world. Information on the most recent meeting and comments from students who attended are available at <http://www.orau.org/lindau/past-mtgs/default.shtml>.

In 2011, the meeting will feature recipients of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. You may nominate students to attend this meeting who:

- are U.S. citizens currently enrolled at a university as full-time graduate students;
- have completed by June 2011 at least two years of graduate studies and not more than four years in physiology, medicine, or in a related field, including the basic biomedical (or life) sciences;
- be supported by and/or working on a project, grant, or fellowship sponsored by the Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC) or the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

We are especially interested in receiving nominations from a diverse group of students, including women, minorities and people with disabilities.

DOE and NIH will again partner this year with ORAU and Mars, Incorporated. Those organizations are separately announcing their nomination processes, but will also accept two nominations as well.

The selection process for the Lindau Meeting occurs over three phases. The universities and National Laboratories complete the first phase by selecting two students per sponsor and submitting the nomination packet for each student. DOE and NIH complete phase two by selecting the students to nominate to the Lindau Meeting. The final phase of selection is completed by the Lindau Meeting and its screening process. All three phases ultimately adhere to the Lindau Meeting's selection criteria, which is attached with this e-mail message.

All nominations must be submitted online before Monday, November 1, 2010 at 4:00 pm, Eastern Time. Nominees will be notified by December 1, 2010 whether they have been selected. An information sheet on the program is enclosed. Further information about the program, including the Web site for submission of nominations, can be found online beginning on October 1, 2010 at <http://www.orau.org/lindau/>.

You may delegate responsibility for submitting nominations to another office in your institution. However, individual faculty members may not submit nominations directly. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact one of us using the contact information below.

Best Regards,

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