UF-HHMI GATOR Science Mentoring Program
Group Advantaged Training of Research

http://www.zoo.ufl.edu/hhmi/graduate.html

Benefits to Graduate Students

- half-time summer stipend
- two paid summer undergraduate research assistants
- research assistants continue to work with you during the school year
- preparation for a faculty job: experience mentoring a research group
- built-in outreach to a local high school
- mentoring support and workshops
- you choose your research group
- spring course on Communicating Complexity in Science (3 credits)
- $1000 in research and travel funding
- your undergraduates can also apply for a total of $2000 in research and travel funding.

Timeline

Fall
Application and letter of support from faculty advisor due November 30, 2007 (must be postmarked by this date).

Spring
Recruit undergraduates and high school student to work with you; review mentee applications and make admissions decisions during March and April; attend the first three sessions (2 hours each) of an 8-session workshop on “Mentoring the Next Generation”.

Summer
Attend 5 additional mentoring workshops (2 hours each); mentor 2 undergraduates and one high school student; attend and participate in weekly GATOR Discussion Group. Undergraduate work commitment is 20-30 hours per week. High school students are present one afternoon every two weeks.

Fall
Mentor 2 undergraduates (undergraduate work commitment is 10-12 hours per week); oversee undergraduate mentoring of high school student; attend and participate in weekly GATOR Discussion Group; write a mini-grant proposal to the GATOR program for up to $500 in research funds.

Spring
Mentor 2 undergraduates (undergraduate work commitment is 10-12 hours per week); oversee undergraduate mentoring of high school student; attend and participate in weekly GATOR Discussion Group; attend semester long course on Communicating Complexity in Science (3 credits, meets once/week); attend UF Undergraduate Research Symposium in February to support your fellows and high school student; make conference travel plans if this has not been done already.

Questions: email Dr. Thea Edwards (tedwards@zoo.ufl.edu) or Dr. Alison Roark (amroark@ufl.edu). Additional information is available on our website (www.zoo.ufl.edu/hhmi)