

Research Opportunity for Rising First-Year Students Majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math:

Internship Dates Summer 2019: Fairmont/Chemours: May 19-31
Marshall: July 14-26

WVSU: July 14-26
WVU: July 14-26



First2 Network
Improving STEM Persistence in Rural First Generation College Students

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Did you know?

- Students who participate in research early are more likely to succeed and graduate with college degrees in STEM disciplines.
- Faculty /student interactions are important to STEM success.
- Discussing your STEM coursework outside of class with other students has a positive effect on persistence.

Help Solve the Problem

The First2Network is pleased to announce a unique opportunity for **first-generation college students** in West Virginia!

If you are planning to start your first year of college this fall, and will be a first-generation college student majoring in a science, technology, engineering or math related field, then consider joining the First2Network. We are seeking rising freshmen from rural communities who will be enrolled in any West Virginia community or 4-year college or university in the fall of 2019.

West Virginia and the Nation need more STEM professionals. The First2Network is a growing group of professors, state officials and students like you who want to improve persistence in STEM during the first two years. We are piloting efforts to support you and others to achieve success. We ask you to join us in building a better environment for STEM students, and to be an advocate and leader in your hometown by encouraging future STEM students in your community!

Program Activities

- Engage in a 2-week all expenses paid **research internship** at one of the four First2Network research sites: Fairmont State/Chemours, WVU, WVSU or Marshall. This experience will give you a “head-start” as a STEM major and could lead to future internships.



- Hometown STEM Ambassador activities. You are the best person in your community to inspire future STEM students and to dialogue with local education officials and business leaders about your STEM experience!
- Participate in our educational research studies.
- Students selected as interns will be awarded \$600.00, and travel support to present at a STEM conference.

Interns Speak:

- *“I was interested in science, but I was afraid that I would be behind everyone else. Once I started research though, I learned that this experience was made for people like me, and there was no reason for me to be afraid.”*
- *“It helped me experience college life before I started classes and gave me a support system for when I did start.”*

Is this you? Join us to improve the STEM experience for all STEM students.

Apply today:

<https://highrocks.org/get-involved/opportunities/first2-network/>

Rolling Acceptance.

Priority deadline: April 17, 2019

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