

**[Response required by Noon CT, April 4 2016]**

Congratulations!

First, let me tell you that you are among one of the best group I selected so far. Previous groups were outstanding: organized in teams, each team produced a paper submitted to the AIAA Journal on Guidance, Control, and Dynamics and AIAA Aerospace Computing. Some of these papers were accepted for publication. I hope we can reproduce the same experience with you.

It is my great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as a participant for the 2016 NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Site program on Smart UAVs to be held at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. We are looking to an exciting summer with you on our elite team. The theme of this Auburn REU site was inspired by students just like you.

In order to formally confirm your acceptance, ALL applicants must:

- 1) respond to this email confirming the acceptance by the deadline
- 2) **CC** the ACCEPTANCE email to the person who recommended you to our REU program.
- 3) Send proof of citizenship or US residency. The documents must be received **within one week** of the date of your acceptance.
- 4) allow us to congratulate and thank the person who recommended you.
- 5) register with Auburn University Payroll by going to <http://www.auburnuniversity.net/vendor/> (click on [New User Registration](#))
- 6) send your vendor ID (you get from step 5). The vendor ID is a number starting with 90.

Your acceptance will be **void** if you do not complete **ALL the SIX actions** within the deadline or **if you graduate this spring**.

This REU program will start on **May 23, 2016** and will last eight weeks. The compensation during the 8 weeks consists of

- 1) a stipend of \$4,000 (\$500 per week),
- 2) a food allowance of \$1,008.
- 3) a housing allowance paid directly to the on-campus residence
- 4) Your travel expenses (shuttle, airline tickets based on **ROUND TRIP** fare to Atlanta (one checked luggage, no travel cancellation insurance), shuttle) will be reimbursed up to \$600. If traveling with a car, **GAS ONLY** will be reimbursed based on receipts. Travel expenses are available for participants residing outside Auburn. For travel expenses other than airline tickets, airport shuttle, or gas, you must **get in advance a written authorization** from Dr. Biaz. Claims with the **RECEIPTS** must be sent no later than July 31 this summer. No claims will be accepted after July 31. Should you have a doubt about the reimbursement of any travel expense, ask in **writing** Dr. Biaz.

Please note that since you will be here for only 8 weeks, you will NOT be considered as an Auburn University student (this would require you to register and pay tuition). This means you may not have full access to some campus facilities. The housing will be in a university dormitory or a residence (currently negotiated). We will try hard to make the Internet access available to you from the dorm. You will also receive a university computer account for research during your stay.

You must **formally confirm your acceptance** of this offer through email no later than the deadline indicated at the beginning of this offer.

Past this deadline, the position will be made to students on the waiting list.

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Detailed information about the program will be mailed to you as it becomes available. In the meantime, if you have any questions or should any difficulty arise please don't hesitate to contact the Program Director Dr. Saad Biaz ([biazsaa@auburn.edu](mailto:biazsaa@auburn.edu), 334-844-6307 . You may contact me directly for any questions you might have.

Note that we will not send a separate hardcopy offer letter. If you need one, let me know.

We look forward to having you at Auburn this summer.

Sincerely

Saad Biaz

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