



Dear ANS Student Section Member:

This letter is being sent to provide you with some important information regarding a unique opportunity for next summer: participation in the Washington Internships for Students of Engineering (WISE).

The WISE program is co-sponsored by several engineering societies, and provides the opportunity for about 10 students to come to Washington, D.C. each summer to find out about how government and technology interact and influence one another. The ANS sponsors two of these interns each year. Selection of interns is highly competitive and is based on grade point average, recommendations, and the information provided on the WISE program applications.

Continuing the policy established several years ago, students in their junior AND senior years are eligible for the 2008 WISE program. Seniors will generally be considered if they are planning to attend graduate school. The program is particularly well-suited to students who are planning to do graduate work in the area of technology and policy. Please note that U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status is a requirement for the WISE program, and ANS student membership is a requirement for sponsorship by the ANS. The deadline for applications to WISE for the summer of 2008 is December 31, 2007. The announcement for next year's Program can be found on the WISE website, [www.wise-intern.org](http://www.wise-intern.org) and at <http://www.ans.org/honors/internships/#wise>; the dates shown are tentative and may change slightly.

Interns participating in WISE receive 9 weeks of housing on the campus of George Washington University and a stipend of \$2100 for the summer. The program consists of two primary parts: a series of seminars at, and visits to, government and industry organizations in the Washington area, and an individual research project on a subject of the student's choice, guided by the WISE faculty member in residence and the Society representatives. There is also the chance to meet engineering students in other fields from universities across the United States, and to sample some of the unique cultural and entertainment opportunities that abound in the nation's capital and the surrounding area.

As noted above, the WISE website, hosted by the IEEE, contains further information about the Program, including an application that can be downloaded, and samples of students' projects from previous years. I encourage you to visit that site to learn more about WISE.

Each Society participating in WISE handles its own applications. Questions about the WISE Program in general or ANS participation in WISE should be directed to Dr. Alan Levin, ANS WISE Coordinator, at 301/841-1655 or via e-mail at [alan.levin@areva.com](mailto:alan.levin@areva.com).

Over the years, students have been virtually unanimous in saying that WISE was a unique, challenging, and enjoyable experience that has had a significant influence in giving them new perspectives on engineering and government. Nuclear engineering and its affiliated disciplines, in particular, are affected by government policy, and it is important that this impact is understood by those entering the field. The objective of the WISE program is to provide an opportunity for some of our best engineering students to learn more about these interactions. I hope that you will consider applying for the WISE program.

Sincerely,

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