April 18, 2016

Dear Admitted COE Students:

Congratulations on your acceptance to the NC State College of Engineering! On behalf of the NC State University Minority Engineering Program (MEP), I am pleased to extend a formal invitation to apply for participation in two summer programs offered via the Minority Engineering Programs Office:

- **2016 Summer Transition Program (STP)**
- **2016 Minority Summer Research Program (MSRP)**

**STP** is an intensive six-week, residential program designed to provide a smooth transition from high school to college. Selected STP participants take their first math course along with a “refresher” course in Chemistry Fundamentals. Our STP courses and activities are chosen so that many areas of university life and engineering studies at NC State are covered.

**MSRP** is an intensive six-week, residential research program designed to introduce a select group of students to the world of academic research. Participants will conduct cutting edge research for 25 hours/week under the direction of a NC State University engineering professor and have the opportunity to present their research at the MSRP Research Symposium on Friday, July 29, 2016. This experience will include an Introduction to Engineering Research Principles course during the first week of the program to prepare participants for the undergraduate research environment.

*Both programs will run from Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – Saturday, July 30, 2016 and will offer an English Workshop, E115: Introduction to Computing Environments (North Carolina State University’s computing system), social activities, corporate field trips and more. These programs will give future college students an overview of what to expect in college before they begin their fall semester. For someone who does not know what to expect, his or her first college semester can be overwhelming. Participating students in both programs will live in Owen Residence Hall, a campus residence hall conveniently located close to the Student Health Center, Talley Student Center and the Carmichael Gymnasium.*

**Cost for Participation in STP and MSRP**

There is a $350.00 participation fee that will be due upon arrival for STP and MSRP Orientations. The cost of transportation to and from campus and textbooks for STP participants only (prices range from $150.00 to $200.00 depending on the math course taken and prices are subject to change), will be the responsibility of the student. We purchase all required textbooks prior to the start of our program. Textbooks will be distributed and money collected from each student during STP Orientation check-in. Minority Engineering Programs will cover the cost of a summer meal plan, housing, in-state tuition for the summer math courses (STP Participants only) and all social activities. Additionally, **out-of-state** STP participants will be responsible for the out-of-state portion of
tuition, which may range from $1,659 to $2,212, depending upon which math course (3 credit versus 4 credit hours) the student enrolls. STP participants will also be required to purchase WebAssign (online tool for homework completion and submission). WebAssign costs will be shared with students selected to participate in the program at a later date.

**Incentives for STP and MSRP Completion**

Selected STP participants who successfully complete all courses, attend NC State University’s College of Engineering in the fall, and complete the fall 2016 semester with a total grade point average of 2.75 or higher, will receive a $350.00 textbook gift card at the beginning of the spring 2017 semester. STP participants must have a “C” in their University Math course and the Chemistry Fundamentals course to qualify for the textbook gift card. Students must also receive at least 70% on the Credit by Exam for the E115 course.

Selected MSRP participants who successfully complete the research requirements and the English Workshop, pass the Credit by Exam for the E115 course with at least a 70% will receive a $1,350.00 stipend (payable upon completion of program after July 30, 2016). Additionally, MSRP participants who attend NC State University’s College of Engineering in the fall, and complete the fall 2016 semester with a total grade point average of 3.00 or higher will receive a $150.00 textbook gift card at the beginning of the spring 2017 semester.

**STP and MSRP Orientation/New Student Orientation and Closing Ceremony**

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to the STP and MSRP Orientation on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 with their student. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are also invited to attend the closing ceremony for both programs on Saturday, July 30, 2016. Students must be available for the duration of the programs. Students are not allowed to miss the STP and MSRP orientation, weekday classes/research activities due to employment or family vacations. There are no exceptions to this rule. STP and MSRP participants will attend New Student Orientation (NSO) during STP and MSRP. Students selected to participate in both programs will be switched to the NSO session for the programs at a later date. The Minority Engineering Programs Office will handle switching selected students.

**Can I apply to both programs? What if I was invited to participate in SUMMER START?**

You are welcome to apply to both programs. MSRP will only be available to a select group of students. So if you apply for both programs and you are not selected for MSRP, this will not jeopardize your selection/participation in the 2016 Summer Transition Program. Additionally, you received an invitation to participate in the Summer START Program. The Summer START Program is hosted by the Department of Academic and Student Affairs. Summer START participants are enrolled in up to eight credit hours of university coursework. Summer START participants must utilize their financial aid to participate. There are many optional social, college based, leadership, and service programs planned throughout the week and on weekends during Summer START. However, we highly recommend your participation in the Summer Transition Program (STP) or in the Minority Summer Research Program. STP and MSRP give you the opportunity to interact with other aspiring minority engineers which is a big part of getting acclimated to the College of Engineering. STP and MSRP offers academic coursework (credit for your math course and E115), research, social activities and weekly corporate visits but you do not have to utilize your financial aid to participate. If you are not sure if you should participate in Summer START or STP/MSRP, please call our office and we will be happy to talk with you.

**Additional Information Regarding the Fourth of July Holiday**

Summer Session II begins on Thursday, June 23, 2016. The University is closed to observe the Fourth of July holiday on Monday, July 4, 2016. Students may leave campus for the extended weekend but must return to campus no later than 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2016 as STP and MSRP resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:40 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. respectively. Students may be picked up at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2016 and students must submit a Leave Form. Meals will not be provided on Monday, July 4, 2016.

**Application Submission**

Students interested in learning more about STP, may visit our website at [http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/programs.php](http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/programs.php) for more details. You can find the STP application at
http://go.ncsu.edu/stpapp. Once you have submitted the application, the survey will then follow. Students interested in applying for MSRP can find the MSRP application at http://go.ncsu.edu/msrpapp.

Please note the on-line application and survey (STP applicants only) and essay submission (MSRP applicants only) deadline date is **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**. Once you have submitted the application and survey/essay, we will send a response regarding your status by Friday, May 20, 2016. If you have any questions concerning the programs, feel free to contact me via email at aldaniel@ncsu.edu. I can also be reached by phone at 919.515.3263.

**Note:** Please be sure to share this letter with your parent(s)/guardian(s).

Sincerely,

Angelitha L. Daniel  
Director, Minority Engineering Programs

**STP and MSRP FUNDING NOTE:** The NC State University College of Engineering is responsible for most STP and MSRP costs, including textbook gift cards, stipends, housing, and meals. STP and MSRP funds come from corporate donations and university contributions. A portion of these funds are deposited in and maintained by the NC State Engineering Foundation, Inc.