March 10, 2017

Dear Admitted College of Engineering Student:

Hello from NC State Engineering—we are excited about the possibility of you joining our Wolfpack Family! On behalf of the NC State University Minority Engineering Program (MEP), I am pleased to extend a formal invitation for you to apply to participate in one of our summer programs offered via the Minority Engineering Programs Office. We have two options for you to choose from, STP and MSRP, details of each are given below:

- **2017 Summer Transition Program (STP)** is an intensive six-week, residential program designed to provide a smooth transition from high school to college. STP participants take their first math course along with a “refresher” course in Chemistry Fundamentals. Courses and activities in the program cover many areas of university life and engineering studies at NC State. STP is a great way for students to earn academic credit and get a jump start on their success in engineering.

- **2017 Minority Summer Research Program (MSRP)** is an intensive six-week, residential research program designed to introduce students to the world of academic research. Participants conduct cutting edge research under the direction of a NC State University engineering professor in one of our world class labs (students will conduct research in the lab 25 hours/week). At summers end all MSRP students present their research at the MSRP Research Symposium. This experience includes an Introduction to Engineering Research Principles course during the first week of the program to prepare participants for the undergraduate research environment. MSRP is a great option for students interested in research and knowledge discovery, and perhaps are thinking about graduate school down the road.

*These programs run simultaneously from **Sunday, June 25, 2017 – Wednesday, August 2, 2017** and both include an English Composition Workshop, social activities, corporate field trips, and much more. Both programs provide our future engineering students an overview of what to expect in college before fall semester begins. Participating students in both programs will live together in University Towers, a private residence hall conveniently located adjacent to main campus.*

**Cost for Participation in STP and MSRP**
Application to the both programs are free, however there is a $350 participation fee for STP participants. This fee is due upon arrival for the STP Orientation. If the $350 participation fee presents financial difficulty for you and your family, please contact our office. For both programs the MEP office will cover the cost of housing, a summer meal plan, and all program and social activity costs. Other cost details are below:

- **STP Costs:** For **in-state** STP participants, all tuition expenses are paid for by the program. **Out-of-state** participants will be responsible for the out-of-state portion of tuition, which may range from $1,659 to $2,212 (prices based on 2016 summer tuition rates, as 2017 rates are not yet available), depending upon which math course (3 credit versus 4 credit hours) the student enrolls. All students must cover cost of the math textbook (prices range from $150.00 to $200.00 depending on the math course taken). **MEP will**
purchase all required textbooks prior to the start of the program, these will be distributed and money collected from each student during STP Orientation check-in. Additionally, all STP participants are required to purchase WebAssign (an online tool for homework completion and submission). WebAssign costs (2016 costs were ~$60) will be shared with participants at a later date.

- MSRP Costs: There are no costs to students participating in the MSRP option.

**Incentives for STP and MSRP Completion**

STP participants who successfully complete all summer courses, attend NC State University’s College of Engineering in the fall, and complete the fall 2017 semester with a total grade point average of 2.75 or higher, will receive a $350 textbook gift card at the beginning of the spring 2018 semester (effectively covering the cost of the program). STP participants must earn a “C” in their math course and chemistry fundamentals course to qualify for the textbook gift card.

MSRP participants who successfully complete the research requirements and the English composition workshop and enroll in the NC State University College of Engineering in the Fall 2017 will receive a $1,350 research stipend (payable upon completion of program after August 2, 2017).

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

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to the **STP and MSRP Orientation** on **Sunday, June 25, 2017** with their student. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are also invited to attend the closing ceremony for both programs on **Wednesday, August 2, 2017**. Students must be available for the duration of the programs. Students are not allowed to miss the STP and MSRP orientation nor 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—participants 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 the 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 to both programs and you are not selected for MSRP, this will not jeopardize your selection/participation in the 2017 Summer Transition Program. Additional to our MEP options, you have also received an invitation to participate in the university’s Summer START Program. The Summer START Program is hosted by the Department of Academic and Student Affairs here at NC State. Summer START participants are enrolled in up to eight credit hours of university coursework, and 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—this is an excellent option. However, we highly recommend your consideration for participation in the Summer Transition Program (STP) or in the Minority Summer Research Program (MSRP). STP and MSRP provide the opportunity to interact with other aspiring minority engineers, which we have found to be a large component in acclimating to life in the College of Engineering. STP and MSRP offer academic coursework (credit for your math course for STP participants only), 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 and/or have questions please call our office and we will be happy to talk with you about these options.

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

Summer Session II begins on Monday, June 26, 2017. The University is closed to observe the Fourth of July holiday on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Students may leave campus for the holiday but must return to campus no later than 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 as STP and MSRP resume on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:40 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. respectively. Students may be picked up at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 3, 2017 and students must submit a Leave Form. Meals will not be provided on Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

**Application Submission**
Students interested in learning more about STP, may visit our website at 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 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 **Friday, April 28, 2017.** Once you have submitted the application and survey/essay, we will send a response regarding your status by Friday, May 12, 2017. 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.