

College of Engineering Office of Academic Affairs Minority Engineering Programs

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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 <u>apply</u> to participate in our **Summer Transition Program (STP)** offered in partnership with **Summer Start.**

What is Summer Start?

Summer Start is a unique opportunity for you to jump start your NC State undergraduate experience by taking Summer Session II classes before your fall semester in August. Summer Start is open to all new first year and transfer students (including international students). Summer Start takes place during Summer Session II and consists of 5 weeks of academic and co-curricular activities. Summer Start offers a living and learning experience with the invitation to stay in on-campus housing with your fellow peers, convenient to academic and student services buildings. In addition, students will have the opportunity to take up to 8 credit hours of courses, recommended by the College of Engineering. The program dates for Summer Start are June 20 – August 1, 2018. You can apply online at http://go.ncsu.edu/summerstart; the deadline to apply is May 9, 2018. Once you are confirmed to participate in Summer Start, you will automatically be registered for the Summer Start First-Year Orientation. You will not register for one of the College of Engineering New Student Orientations.

What is STP?

The **Summer Transition Program** (**STP**) is designed to help you learn more about the rigors of completing an engineering or computer science degree while showcasing the support offered via the Minority Engineering Program (MEP). STP offers a Professional Communication Workshop, tutorial support for your Summer Start coursework (Math and Chemistry), social activities, corporate field trips and more. Minority students admitted to the College of Engineering must participate in Summer Start to be eligible for participation in STP.

If I decide to participate in Summer Start, am I required to participate in STP?

Participation in STP is **not required** but highly encouraged. However, in order to participate in STP, you **must** participate in Summer Start. There are several benefits for participating in STP: 1) connect with other minority students admitted to the College of Engineering 2) learn about the support components that make up the Minority Engineering Program 3) connect with College of Engineering alumni via our Professional Communication Workshop and 4) network with industry partners via our Friday Industry Visits 5) introduction to campus resources to support your success while at NC State and finally, 6) fun with our planned social activities free of charge for participants.

What is the cost for Participation in STP?

We are pleased to offer this enhancement programming (STP activities only) free of charge to all admitted minority engineering students participating in Summer Start. **Note:** There are costs associated with participation in Summer Start. Details can be found here: https://newstudents.dasa.ncsu.edu/summerstart/expenses/. Specific questions about costs should be directed to Summer Start program staff and Scholarships & Financial Aid.

Is there an application for STP?

In addition to completing the application for Summer Start, students can complete the STP application at http://go.ncsu.edu/stpapp. Students interested in learning more about STP, may visit our website at http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mep/programs.php for more details. Most important to note is that once students apply and receive a confirmation of participation in STP, we expect students to fully engage in STP activities. The deadline to apply for STP is **Wednesday, May 9, 2018**.

If you have any questions concerning participating in STP, feel free to contact me via email at aldaniel@ncsu.edu. I can also be reached by phone at 919.515.3263.

Sincerely,

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