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NIST Summer SURF Class of 2016

Two hundred and thirty nine undergraduates from one hundred and three U.S. colleges and universities arrived on NIST's Gaithersburg, Maryland and Boulder, Colorado campuses for NIST's 2016 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship ([SURF](#)) program. These exceptional students, majoring in science, mathematics and engineering, will conduct advanced measurement research under the guidance of NIST scientists. This summer's program runs from late May through early August 2016. SURF is a partnership supported by NIST, the National Science Foundation and participating colleges/universities. A list of the colleges and universities represented in this year's class is available online [here](#).

FFO Opportunity: Partnerships to Stimulate Cybersecurity Education & Workforce Development

The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education ([NICE](#)), led by NIST, is soliciting applications from eligible applicants for the establishment of state or regional consortia to identify cybersecurity workforce development pathways that address local workforce needs. NIST anticipates funding five to eight awards in the range of \$150,000 to \$200,000 each for fifteen month projects. The complete Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) package is available online [here](#). Applications must be received at Grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

NIST Colloquium: Quantifying the Weight of Forensic Evidence

On May 5-6, 2016, approximately one hundred and forty researchers, criminologists, and legal experts attended the [NIST Colloquium on Quantifying the Weight of Forensic Evidence](#). Issues related to statistical methods for quantifying the weight of evidence and their introduction into courts of law, are of importance in forensic science. The Colloquium facilitated a technical discussion about theories and current approaches and practices for assigning the weight of evidence. An archived webcast of the proceedings is accessible online [here](#).

Final Applicants for 2016 Baldrige Award

Thirty-four organizations from a wide range of sectors and U.S. states have submitted applications for the 2016 [Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award](#) managed by NIST. Demonstrating the relevance and value of the [Baldrige Excellence Framework](#) to organizations of multiple sizes and sectors, the 2016 Baldrige Award applicants include twenty one health care organizations, four education organizations, four nonprofit organizations, three small businesses, and two service businesses. The organizations are based in 20 different states and represent every major region of the United States. After thorough evaluations and site visits, the 2016 Baldrige Award recipients will be selected in November 2016.



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