September 28, 2020

I-STEM Education Initiative
313 Noble Hall
1209 S. Fourth St. (MC508)
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Director Rosu,

On behalf of the Women in American Medical Informatics (AMIA) Committee, we are inviting undergraduate women with an interest in informatics and/or science, technology, math, engineering (STEM) to attend the 4th annual First Look Program on November 14-15, 2020. The goal is to expose students to the field through attendance at AMIA’s Virtual Annual Symposium.

AMIA is a multi-disciplinary and interprofessional organization representing over 5,400 experts. We are a community committed to a vision of a world where informatics transforms people’s care. That’s why AMIA is the professional home for the informaticians of today and driver for the future of informatics. Through education, training, accreditation, certification and advocacy, AMIA supports the current and next generation of informatics professionals.

The AMIA 2020 Annual Symposium begins Sunday, November 15th at 10:00am EST and concludes Wednesday, November 20th at 7:15pm EST. Students will receive free conference registration and are welcome to participate as their schedule permits; mandatory participation is only required for November 14th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm EST and November 15th from 10:30am – 6:00pm EST.

Our objectives for students participating in the AMIA First Look program are to:

1. Provide underrepresented undergraduate students with an interest in informatics and/or STEM an opportunity to learn about the field of informatics by attending key symposium events on November 15th;
2. Introduce and engage students in the Women in AMIA community by interacting with women in informatics through assigned mentored guides and both formal and informal networking receptions; and
3. Equip students with resources for internship and post-graduate career “next-steps” in informatics by networking and making connections with industry and educational professionals in the exhibit hall.

Students participating in the AMIA First Look program receive:

- Complimentary conference registration. Students are welcome to attend all of the conference days;
• Networking with the program sponsors on November 15th (the mandatory participation day); and
• Complimentary student membership to AMIA for three years
• Opportunity to join the online AMIA undergraduate community to stay informed and connected.

Exposure can be a critical factor in career selection. We are asking that you disseminate this invitation to applicable students so that we can host them into our professional home and they can experience “AMIA First Look.” Please encourage them to sign-up at: https://forms.gle/9jNEg9vsRqf2L5DK6. We have limited availability for this opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from your students. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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