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The SACP PROJECT MIME PROGRAM is now in its fifteenth year. PROJECT MIME is designed to increase member involvement in Society programs by providing a mechanism for SACP members to submit proposals for the funding of Member Initiated Member Executed projects. The rules are not complicated:

1. Proposals may be submitted by any dues-paying member of the Society.
 2. Proposals must benefit science education at any grade level (pre-school through graduate school) or contribute to the continuing education of SACP members. All proposals must fall within the guidelines of the ByLaws of the Society.
 3. The funding requested to complete the first year of the project must not exceed **\$1000**.
 4. The SACP Project MIME program is not meant to serve as a conduit of funds to outside organizations. It is designed for projects that will be executed by an SACP member or SACP Committee. (See attached sample proposal)
 5. The project described within the proposal must be such that it can be completed and evaluated before June 1, 2014 unless otherwise justified.
 6. A final report describing the outcome of the program must be submitted no later than June 15, 2014.
 7. Proposals must be submitted using the form provided and must be mailed (or emailed) no later than January 31, 2014. Any deviation needs to be cleared by consent with C. Holifield. Proposals should be sent to Mr. Charles Holifield, SACP Office, 300 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 332, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5503 (email: holifield@pittcon.org).
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SAMPLE ONLY (See below for Form to File)

Proposal Form SACP PROJECT MIME

Proposal Title:

A DAY WITH A SCIENTIST

Goal/Objective: The object is to further stimulate a high school science student's interest in science by having him/her spend a day observing an SACP scientist at work. The proposal, if funded, would also introduce the student to the "real" world of Science.

Program Description/Program Evaluation:

A solicitation would be prepared and mailed to the principals of all high schools in Allegheny County. Four students would be selected for the first year program based on the recommendations of the students' teachers. SACP members would be canvassed for possible participation as student "mentors." Each student selected for the program would meet his/her "mentor" for breakfast and spend the day with him at his place of employment.

The "mentor" would introduce the student to co-workers, orient him with respect to the purpose, organization, and functions of his job, and have the student "assist" with the "mentor's" workday activities. The student, for example, might learn to operate a sophisticated scientific instrument, assist in the preparation of samples, help prepare a report, enter data into a computer, assist in the running of an experiment, attend a staff meeting, etc. In short, the student should be given the opportunity to determine what a scientist is and how he spends his workday.

The student would share coffee breaks and lunch with his "mentor" and co-workers. He would also accompany his "mentor" to dinner and to an evening activity (concert, baseball game, professional meeting). Joining in such activities might dispel any unfavorable stereotypes sometimes associated with scientists. Presumably, the student would discover that scientists are no different than other people. The student should now know not only how a scientist spends his work day, but also what kinds of things he does after work.

"Mentors" are to make all arrangements for the day - transportation, visitor passes, protective clothing and equipment, safety instruction, etc. Each "mentor" will prepare a brief report for the Science Outreach Committee describing his experience and make recommendations as to whether or not the program should be continued.

Resources Required (Finances & Manpower)

Manpower: Four SACP volunteer "mentors" and some secretarial help.

Finances: Approximately \$600 for postage, mileage, meals for "mentor" and student, and entertainment expenses.

Criteria for Success:

The program will be considered a success if at least 25 high school students submit applications and if, in the eyes of the "mentors," the students selected for the program appeared to have had their interest in science enhanced.

If selected for funding, can the project defined within this proposal be completed by June 1, 2014? YES

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PROPOSAL FORM

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