

## Tips for Students Applying to LDEO Summer Intern Program

- 1) Apply for research projects that interest you and for which you are qualified by your coursework (if available). If such courses are not available to you, be sure to mention this in your statement of interest.
- 2) Your statement of interest is very important. You should write your statement and proof it before you begin your online application. It should be about 1 page long. In addition to describing the research projects you are most interested in and why, you should also include a paragraph on the qualities of a good scientist.
- 3) If you are intensely interested in more than the three research projects you are allowed to select on the online application form, say so in your statement of interest. It will increase your chances of admission to the program.
- 4) List potential research mentors by name in your statement of interest. (This flatters them and is a good tactic in general when applying for internships.) They often search for their name in the online applications and look at those applications first.
- 5) Two out of three of the IODP-USSP supported internships will go to members of ethnic minorities as defined by the National Science Foundation. Students coming from the mainland of Asia are not considered ethnic minorities by the National Science Foundation.
- 6) There are three research projects for which mentors have specifically requested a SusTech student. These projects will probably only have a SusTech student so don't apply unless you are from SusTech. SusTech students can apply for **any** research project in the National and Earth Intern Programs and should not limit themselves to the three research projects mentioned above.