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Recuiting minority students into your REU program DAVID ERNST, Vanderbilt University — It is important for the field of physics that we draw our talent from the broadest pool. However, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans are substantially underrepresented in physics. Since summer research experiences are a useful tool to assist students in gaining entrance into graduate school, it is particularly important that underrepresented minority students are fully able to participate. The NSF REU program at Vanderbilt University is historically comprised of one half minority students. How this comes about and how we pro-actively recruit minority students will be described.

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