

March 29, 2001

Thomas M. Woodard, Chairman
Board of Visitors
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Dear Mr. Woodard:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2001, inquiring about summer employment opportunities the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) might have for Duke students that have completed their freshman year at the Pratt School of Engineering.

The NRC does have a summer employment program for engineering college students; unfortunately, at this time, the agency has filled most of its summer employment positions, and still has an extensive list of applications for summer employment on file. However, the NRC is very interested in having Duke engineering students apply for summer job positions, and I would request that you encourage not only those students between their freshman and sophomore years at Duke to apply next year, but also any engineering students interested in challenging summer employment opportunities in the field of nuclear reactor regulation.

Our agency headquarters is located in Rockville, MD, which is a suburb of Washington, D.C., and we also have regional offices located in King of Prussia, PA, Glen Ellyn, Ill, Atlanta, GA, and Arlington, TX. Summer employment opportunities may be available in some or all of these locations.

The primary function of the NRC is the regulation of the commercial uses of nuclear power and nuclear materials. Thus, assignments for summer students would be related to work in this area. Typically, summer students working for the NRC are pursuing degrees in areas such as mechanical, electrical, chemical, civil, and nuclear engineering.

I have enclosed some brochures about the NRC. If you have any students that are interested in employment with the NRC next summer, they should send a copy of their resume, along with a copy of their transcript, to Gloria Jackson, Summer Program Coordinator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS O-3-E17A, Washington, D.C. 20555, or FAX it to (301) 415-3818. In order to assure that their applications are received in time to be considered, I would suggest that they be submitted in the latter part of 2001, and in any event, no later than the January-to-February, 2002, time frame.

In addition, if any students have any further questions about the NRC, they should feel free to call me at (301) 415-1274.

We are also interested in employment for engineering students interested in either full-time or CO-OP programs, therefore I would appreciate it if you would also give this information to any interested students. Finally, we are very interested in maintaining contacts with Duke for future employment of Duke engineering students at NRC, not only for summer employment, but for full-time employment as well.

Thank you for contacting me regarding this important effort to give beginning engineering students a better understanding of potential career opportunities in engineering. I hope the above information is helpful. Please feel free to contact me at the above number if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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