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**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SWANSON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  
PRE-PHD SCHOLARS PROGRAM: APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION**

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO TERRI KENNELLY-COOK IN 323 BENEDUM HALL, PITTSBURGH, PA 15261, FAX 412 624-1108  
BY 4PM FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009.**

*Please complete this form & submit the following materials:*

(2) 1 page essays to address the following:

- ✓ Why you are interested in Pre-PhD Program; and
- ✓ Which University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering faculty member would you like to work with for this research project and why? Faculty can be viewed on website at <http://www.engr.pitt.edu/>

(1) Copy of your most recent transcript; and

(1) Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member.

**Section 1: STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Full Name:

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Campus/Local Address:

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Local/Cell Phone:

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Home Phone:

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Email:

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Major:

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**Section 2: PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Please answer the following statements. Applications will not be considered if this section is not completed.**

I understand that the program runs from May 26, 2009 to July 24, 2009. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must work a minimum of 30 hours/week on research related activities, and my work hours must be documented & signed by my faculty mentor. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that as a Pre-PhD participant, I will also meet with an EXCEL staff member every other week to discuss my program experience. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand I must attend Pre-PhD workshops every other Wednesday @ 12 noon. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must participate in the Office of Experiential Learning Ethics Forum. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must complete a journal-quality paper on my research. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will be expected to present a PowerPoint presentation on my Pre-PhD research to my peers, faculty, and staff. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*please complete the reverse side also.*

**Section 3: STUDENT INTEREST INFORMATION**

Rank the following skills according to your strength in it (1 being the highest and 5 being the lowest):

Analytical Skills  Leadership Skills  Problem Solving Skills  Study Skills  Technical Writing

Rank the items according to their influence on your choice of career (1 being the highest and 6 being the lowest):

Curiosity  Desire  External Advice  Familiarity  Money  Role Models

Are you interested in graduate education?

Most Definitely  Considering  Not Sure  Very Uncertain  Definitely Not

Do you require housing while SRI is in session? Yes  No

**Section 4: RECOMMENDER INFORMATION & STUDENT SIGNATURE**

The following professor has written my letter of recommendation. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please PRINT the name of the faculty member*

The letter of recommendation is attached to this application. Yes  No

My unofficial transcript is attached to this application. Yes  No

***I verify that all of the information included above is accurate and correct.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

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*Date*