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PEARC17: Practice & Experience in Advanced Research Computing, July 9-13, 2017 in New Orleans-US

Dear colleague,

Have you heard about PEARC17? It's a new summer technical conference that will replace the former XSEDE conference, and it's being held in New Orleans this year! It will be supported by a variety of public and private organizations—including XSEDE—that share an interest in a well-prepared national high performance computing and data analysis workforce.

As the PEARC student program's diversity chair, I'm eager to engage as many applicants from underrepresented groups as possible, and will work with STEM-Trek colleagues to achieve this goal. Federal agency financial support is light, so we must raise external funds in order to engage as many students as NSF- XSEDE did in previous years. Since some organizations are supporting undergrads, STEM-Trek will support grads & postdocs from U.S. institutions.

I hope you will help!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Leake,
STEM-Trek Nonprofit; PEARC17 Student Program Diversity Chair

From the PEARC web site: "PEARC17 welcomes all who care about the challenges in using and operating advanced research computing. Organizations supporting this new conference include the Advancing Research Computing on Campuses: Best Practices Workshop (ARCC), XSEDE, the Science Gateways Community Institute, the Campus Research Computing (CaRC) Consortium, the ACI-REF consortium, the Blue Waters project, ESnet, Open Science Grid, Compute Canada, the EGI Foundation, the Coalition for Academic Scientific Computation (CASC), and Internet2. Learn more about PEARC and supporting organizations. Student program and diversity efforts will bring together researchers, students, and prospective users from under-represented groups and new disciplines. Students will find a range of opportunities in the Technical Program, including a one-day intensive collaborative modeling and analysis challenge; a session on careers in modeling and large data analytics; a mentorship program; and opportunities for students to volunteer to assist with conference activities. Participation from traditionally under-represented communities including women, minorities, and people with disabilities, is strongly encouraged."

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