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A SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONE NOAA-CREST FELLOW
Aye Phyu wins Hollings Scholarship; Lands internship at DOE laboratory

New York, NY, May 1, 2018– It is a season of opportunities for NOAA-Center for Earth System Sciences and Remote Sensing Technologies (CREST) Fellow Aye Phyu. The City College of New York (CCNY) undergraduate is among 120 students to receive the prestigious Earnest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship for 2018. Phyu says it is an honor to be selected.

“All these internships are helping me learn what I want to do, where I want to go after I finish my undergraduate degree. It’s helping me shape what I want to do in the future,” said Phyu.

Awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the scholarship provides two years of tuition support up to $9,500 per year and a $700 paid summer internship at a NOAA facility. After completing a mandatory weeklong orientation for the Hollings Scholarship scheduled for the end of May in Washington, DC, she will arrange a 10-week summer internship for 2019.

Phyu is also preparing for a Department of Energy (DOE) Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship at the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois where she will join the Energy Systems Division starting June 4.

“I wanted to work on renewable energy and Argonne focuses on just renewable energy so I wouldn’t mind any project that was there,” she said.

The talented Fellow will spend 10 weeks working under the supervision of Dr. Trevor Crain on a mobility study involving sensors. She is excited to dive into field research focused on vehicle energy consumption. Phyu’s CREST advisor, Naresh Devineni, explains how the DOE internship compliments her last three years of academic studies and research on remote sensing:

“This is a good opportunity for her to actually explore this field and see whether she really likes it. This is completely different from a university setting -- it’s a full-time hands-on experience.”

Phyu will resume her academic studies at CCNY in September and plans to graduate in 2020. For more information on the NOAA Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship, visit here.

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