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Students invited to explore a future in bio-innovation

Applications are now open for BioFutures Forum, a week-long residential forum for students in their final two years of high school from Australia and NZ, held annually in Brisbane during July.

Participating students at this year's BioFutures Forum will get the opportunity to experience a future in biotechnology as well as the independent, stimulating and social lifestyle of tertiary education. BioFutures is an initiative of AusBiotech and the AusBiotech Student Association (ABSA), providing students interested in biotechnology, bioengineering or biomedicine, to explore their options.

"The camp offers invaluable insight into the biotechnology industry, and gives students an opportunity to think like a scientist," explains past student, and current committee member, Alex Selivanova.

"When I attended the Forum, I was exposed to science theory through lecturers, workshops, and the broader social significance of scientific decisions during a mock United Nations' Summit.

"BioFutures challenges students to aim for a tertiary degree that will provide preparation for the future job market, which will have roles that don't exist yet, to address problems that have not yet arisen," she said.

With the biotechnology industry 'exploding' onto the world stage in recent years, it is not surprising that a range of professions are becoming increasingly reliant on the skill-sets obtained from bio-related science undergraduate degrees, such as the Bachelor of Science.

The program is designed and mentored by university-aged ABSA volunteers, who share a passion for the biosciences. Students and mentors will stay at the Women's Residential College at the University of Queensland.

Student applications: Close 30 April 2010.

Date: 4 - 10 July 2010

Places: Limited to 80 students + 20 mentors

Website: www.ausbiotech.org/biofutures

The AusBiotech Student Association is a special interest group of AusBiotech, Australia's biotechnology organisation, which aims to link life science students with industry.

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