

TASSEP -Interested in an exchange study visit to North America?

College, through the School of Chemistry, is currently a member the Trans-Atlantic Science Student Exchange Programme (TASSEP). This well-established consortium arranges exchange study periods between students attending member Universities in North America and those in Europe. The names of the TASSEP member universities in the United States and Canada as well as other details of the available opportunities are given on its website at:

<http://studyabroad.unc.edu/tassep>

As will be evident the definition of 'Science' within the programme is interpreted rather broadly. The length of the exchange study periods is typically one academic year although a number of students from the School of Chemistry have carried out their Senior Sophister research projects (3 – 4 months) in North America under the scheme. As with all student exchanges and visits the programme tends to work best when the local coordinators are in effective communication and there is careful planning between the home and host institutions. In practice the outgoing cohorts of students from Europe each year are formally coordinated through the University of Aarhus in Denmark to ensure an optimum distribution of the places available in North America. The applicants coming to Europe, on the other hand, typically apply directly to the coordinators in the host European universities.

If you are interested in doing part of your study in North America under the TASSEP scheme during the 2009/2010 academic year you will need to make an application through Aarhus before **February 15th next**. You should first discuss and agree your plan with your school coordinator and then send the application to Professor J. Corish (jcorish@tcd.ie) who will forward it with all the other applications from the College to Aarhus. The following is the information required at this stage:

- (i) Student name and e-mail address;
- (ii) Subject - please use a broad traditional name e.g., physics, mathematics, biochemistry etc...;
- (iii) Preferred host university – you may give up to three preferences in order here; and
- (iv) Period of proposed stay – here please give first and last month.

Students accepted for the TASSEP exchange will then be required to go through the usual procedures required by College for exchange students going abroad. Please ensure that your Application Form and Learning Agreement are signed by the TASSEP Coordinator, Professor John Corish before being signed by the Institutional Coordinator at the International Office.

Professor Corish will welcome any further enquiries that you may have on TASSEP.