

THE IGERT ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Students enrolled in doctoral programs in biology, bioengineering, chemical engineering, chemistry and physics working in interdisciplinary areas related to the focus of the Syracuse Soft Interfaces IGERT Program (<http://soft-igert.syr.edu>) are encouraged to apply for the *IGERT Associate Program*.

IGERT Associates will share the advantages of:

- Participating in the curricular activities designed for IGERT Trainees, including IGERT courses (see <http://soft-igert.syr.edu/courses/> for a list), Science Communication Seminar, Ethics Seminar, and more. IGERT Associate may elect to participate in one or more of these activities, at their discretion.
- Participating in the bi-weekly IGERT Student Seminar & Social. This event will bring together all IGERT Trainees and Associates in an informal evening meeting guided and coordinated by selected faculty and students. Food will be provided. Activities will include: science presentations by students and, if desirable, invited faculty, and discussion of various topics as proposed by students.
- Like the IGERT Trainees, Associates will be able to maintain their own webpage on the IGERT server. A template to get started and tutorials for web page development will be offered to all students. Follow-up advice and help will also be available as needed.
- Have access to the online networking site where all IGERT participants will share suggestions, concerns, comments on all aspects of the program and maintain a live discussion board on their research.
- Participate in the annual "IGERT Retreat", a one-two event featuring work by IGERT participants as well as presentations by a few leaders in the field. The Retreat will include a poster session with a special category of awards for IGERT Associates, with a small monetary prize.
- Although IGERT Associates cannot be supported on the IGERT grant, a small fund will be available for travel awards reserved to Associates.
- IGERT Associates who have completed the Science Communication Seminar, the Ethics Seminar and at least two of the other IGERT courses will be eligible for a "Soft Interfaces" certificate awarded by the program.

IGERT Associates will have the responsibility of:

- Being regular participants in the research seminars and discussions associated with the IGERT program.
- Acknowledge support from the IGERT grant in their research publications.