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WHO SHOULD APPLY?
B.Sc., M.Sc., or Ph.D. students in Computer Science or Physics, interested in working on cutting-edge Grid technology projects for two months during the period June-September 2005, with the possibility of follow-on projects in their home institutes.

HOW TO JOIN
Candidates for the CERN openlab student programme are normally proposed by University supervisors. A CV of the student, recommendation of the supervisor, and indication of preferred area of work should be sent to Francois.Grey@cern.ch by March 31st 2006. Confirmation of student placement will be made to supervisors shortly thereafter.

STIPEND
The stipend for a two-month study is 5000CHF for travel, accommodation and per diem, sponsored 50% by student home institute and 50% by CERN and the industrial partners of the CERN openlab DataGrid applications. Students must have insurance coverage from their home institute.

STUDENT PROJECTS
CERN has several Grid-related projects which participate in the openlab student programme. As well as the CERN openlab industrial collaboration, there is LCG (LHC Computing Grid), EGEE (Enabling Grids for E-Science) and several other EU-funded projects. Examples of projects that students undertook as part of the 2005 programme include:

- Porting physics application software to the 64-bit-based CERN opencluster.
- Optimising 64-bit compiler technology for high energy physics.
- Developing a monitoring system for service challenges run by LCG.
- Porting EGEE’s gLite middleware to a 64-bit computing environment.
- Adapting LCG technology for satellite image storage and processing.
- Developing a humanitarian distributed computing project called Africa@home.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
A Grid tutorial, a series of lectures by experts in various domains of Grid computing, and study tours to industrial labs are part of the programme. The openlab students may participate in a wide range of physics and technology lectures that are part of the general CERN summer student programme.