Summer Research Program First-Year Medical Students
2018 Application Instructions

Calendar:

- **January 23rd** – Summer Research Job Fair, 5th Floor Gallery (noon – 1pm) for those searching for a faculty mentor
- **March 23rd** – Applications due
  *Applications should be submitted to Linh Trinh, Summer Research Program Manager, Office of Educational Programs – Jjl 315*
- April 10 – Approximate date students notified of stipend awards
- Late April – Participants Meeting => Mandatory Attendance
- **May 21** – Orientation and first day of the program ⇒ Mandatory Attendance
- **July 27** – Closing program and last day of program ⇒ Mandatory Attendance
- Fall Semester – Research Forum ⇒ See program requirements

**The following instructions are provided with the understanding that they may be updated as required without notice.**

Participation in Program:

MS-1 Students in good academic standing may be supported in the Summer Research Program (SRP) in three ways:

1. as fully faculty-supported (at least $2,000 but no more than $5,800)
2. as recipients of the Dean’s Matching fund of $1,000 and faculty matching fund of at least $1,000 (but no more than $4,800)
3. as non-funded support - “volunteer”. Volunteer students receive the same program benefits and are expected to adhere to all program requirements.

*A SRP review committee will select 35 students to receive Dean’s Matching funds based on the merit of the student’s research proposal.*

To Select a Research Mentor:

- McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) MSI students may begin their search for a 2018 summer research project and faculty mentor any time after matriculation.
- All McGovern Medical School faculty members engaged in research are eligible to act as a student mentor.
- A “Research Job Fair” will be held early in the second semester where students still seeking a mentor can meet faculty and department representatives to discuss available research opportunities.
- All students should discuss financial support with their faculty mentors.
How to Apply to the Program:

- Make an appointment with the faculty mentor of your choice to discuss potential projects.
- Inform him or her of the dates for the (10-week, 40 hours/week) research program, and that your stipend should be discussed.
- With your faculty mentor, write a 1-2 page project proposal. The project proposal should be in your own words. Extensive verbatim excerpts from faculty grants will not be accepted.
- Fill out an application form. Both you, and your faculty mentor, must sign the application.
- Compose a 200-words-or-less personal statement outlining the major reasons you are interested in the Summer Research Program using the following as a guidelines:
  1. Why are you interested in doing research?
  2. Describe previous research experience
  3. Why did you select the research you chose?
  4. Why did you select your proposed faculty mentor?
  4. Additional considerations regarding your proposed research?
- Submit your application, one copy of your project proposal, and your personal statement by March 23rd.

Layout of the Proposal: (Your research plan should address the following questions)

TITLE

SPECIFIC AIMS: What do you intend to do? List your specific objectives and describe concisely what the research project is intended to accomplish and any hypotheses to be tested.

BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE: What has already been done? -- Briefly sketch the background to the present proposal, and state concisely the scientific merit and importance of the research project.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS: Describe the design and the procedures you are going to use to accomplish the specific aims of the 10-week project.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

You will be required to submit an abstract on your research.

For more information, contact Linh Trinh, Program Manager, 713.500.5105 or Linh.H.Trinh@uth.tmc.edu