2019 Summer Research Program
for First-Year Medical Students

Please note the following on your calendar: Application period opens February 1, 2019; Application deadline is March 15th. There will be a Summer Research Job Fair in January for students who have not previously identified a faculty mentor or research area; however, it is best for students to begin their search for a mentor as soon as possible.

2019 Program Dates
May 20th – July 26th

The Program
Students will gain hands-on research experience under the supervision of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) faculty mentor of their choice. They will receive special training in laboratory and radiation safety, laboratory animal methodology, research technology, and biomedical ethics. The program is 10 weeks long (40 hours/week) includes mandatory weekly seminars by guest speakers. At the completion of the program, each student submits a research abstract for online publication and develops a poster to be presented at annual Summer Research Program (SRP) Research Forum held in the fall.

Funding
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.

Please note – You are required to submit an application, personal statement, and research proposal by March 15th. We will use this information to determine how other available funds will be distributed.

Who is Eligible
First-year medical students in good academic standing are eligible to apply to the program.

To Apply
E-mail notices will soon be sent that include an application form and further information. The Summer Research “Job Fair” will be held in January for students to meet department faculty and to learn more about the summer research opportunities. It is strongly recommended that students begin their search for a mentor as soon as possible.