Summer Research Program First-Year Medical Students
2021 Application Instructions**

Calendar:

January 29**th**  – Summer Research virtual Job Fair, Webex (noon – 1pm) for those searching for a faculty mentor
February  – Wednesdays (Noon – 1pm) Webex – Q&A Session: How to find a faculty Mentor
March 19**th**  – Applications due
            *Applications should be submitted online by deadline
April 10  – Approximate date students notified of stipend awards
Late April  – Participants Meeting ➔ Mandatory Attendance
May 24  – Orientation and first day of the program ➔ Mandatory Attendance
July 23  – 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:

MS1 student in good academic standing may now be supported either:

1. with a Dean’s Office contribution of $2,500 coupled with a mandatory faculty contribution of at least $1,500, for a total summer stipend of $4,000
   or, as previously
2. exclusively by faculty support (a minimum of $2,000 is suggested)

A SRP faculty review committee will select a limited number of students to receive Dean’s Office 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 2021 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.
- A “Searchable Database Engine” is available on the Summer Research Program website.
- 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 (9-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 online application, one copy of your project proposal, and your personal statement by March 19th.

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 Mrs. Linh Trinh, Program Manager, 713.500.5105 or Linh.H.Trinh@uth.tmc.edu