



UTHSC at Houston Medical School

2009 Summer Research Program

for First-Year Medical Students

Please note the following on your calendar: Application period opens February 2009; Application deadline: March 31 2009. There will be a Summer Research Program Job Fair in mid-March for those students who have not previously identified a faculty mentor or research for the summer program.

2009 Program Dates: May 27th thru July 31st

What the Program's About

You can gain hands-on laboratory experience under the supervision of a faculty sponsor of your choice. Priority is given to certain areas of research that include diabetes, and digestive and kidney diseases. As part of our program, you'll receive special training in laboratory and radiation safety, laboratory animal methodology, research technology, and biomedical ethics. Also as part of the program are weekly seminars with a variety of guest speakers focusing on topics that include cutting-edge research and career development.

As an UTHSC-Houston Medical School Summer Research Program student, you will be guided by your faculty mentor on a research project over a **10-week period during the summer**. At the end of the program, you will submit a research abstract for publication. Your mentor will also help you develop a research poster to be presented at the annual Research Forum held in the fall.

Funding

- (1.) A **\$5,192.00 stipend**, funded through a National Institutes of Health grant, is provided for a limited number of students.
- (2.) In addition, students may be funded directly by their faculty mentor, although it may not be at the NIH level.

Who's Eligible

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

Not eligible for NIH funding: Students already matriculated in formal programs leading to the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees, or students on temporary or student visas. Students holding M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in health sciences are not eligible for NIH support.

To Apply

Watch out for e-mail notices that will contain your application forms and further information. Attend the **Job Fair in late Feb/early March 2009** in the 5th Floor Gallery to learn about summer research opportunities, and to meet department faculty looking for summer MS-1 research students. OR, at any point, you may identify and approach the faculty member you want to do research with.

All participants in the Summer Research Program are selected, based on their research application proposal, by a faculty committee.

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