Program Description

The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program (SCTRP) is a ten-week mentored, summer research program designed to enrich the pipeline of college students’ understanding of and interest in pursuing clinical and/or translational research, as well as to increase underrepresented minority and disadvantaged college student exposure to clinical/translational research: research that transforms scientific discoveries arising from laboratory, clinical, or population studies into clinical or population-based applications to improve health.*

In addition to a mentored clinical/translational research experience, SCTRP students participate in weekly seminars with Harvard faculty focusing on topics such as research methodology, health disparities, ethics, career paths, and the graduate school and medical school application process. Participants also have the opportunity to participate in offerings of other Harvard Medical School programs such as career development seminars and networking dinners.

Eligibility

Eligible participants are: undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors, particularly those attending Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) and Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) NIH-funded institutions, historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), Hispanic-serving institutions, and/or tribal colleges with baccalaureate degree programs, and/or alumni of the Harvard Medical School Minority Faculty Development Program and/or the Biomedical Science Careers Program.

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or U.S. Noncitizen Nationals or Permanent Residents of U.S.

Program Length

The ten-week, Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program begins June 8, 2015 and runs through August 14, 2015

Financial Assistance

The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program is a paid internship. Transportation is reimbursed up to $400 toward the cost of traveling to and from Boston.

Housing

The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program provides housing for participating students.

Application & More Information

Applicants must submit: a completed application form, statement of purpose, short answer questions, resume/curriculum vitae, official transcript, and two letters of recommendation.

To receive an application, or for more information, please contact Danyellé Thorpe, Program Coordinator, at 617.432.1892 or pfdd_dcp@hms.harvard.edu.

For more information visit: http://www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/.

Deadline Dates

January 9, 2015: Receipt of completed application and all accompanying material

February 27, 2015: Notification of 2015 SCTRP participants

Sponsor

Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center is dedicated to improving human health by enabling collaboration and providing tools, training and technologies to clinical and translational investigators. Founded in May 2008, Harvard Catalyst is a shared enterprise of Harvard University, its ten schools and its seventeen Academic Healthcare Centers (AHC), as well as the Boston College School of Nursing, MIT, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and numerous community partners.

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The Summer Clinical and Translational Research Program is administered by The Harvard Catalyst | The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center Program for Faculty Development Diversity Inclusion in the Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School.

The Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership (DCP) at Harvard Medical School (HMS) was established to promote the increased recruitment, retention and advancement of diverse faculty, particularly underrepresented minority (URM) faculty, at HMS and to oversee all diversity and inclusion activities involving HMS faculty, trainees, students and staff. DCP’s Minority Faculty Development Program sponsors programs for the development of HMS faculty, with an emphasis on mentoring and leadership, as well as programs that are designed to reach out to the pre-college and college populations with the goal of bringing outstanding, URM students into the pipeline.

The Minority Faculty Development Program in the Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership is designed to support the career development of junior faculty and to address crucial pipeline issues. This includes: increasing the pool of minority students interested in careers in science and medicine; promoting medical students, graduate students, and fellows to develop the needed skills for success in the academic arena; and advancing the career development of junior faculty.

Leadership

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HMS Mission

“To create and nurture a diverse community of the best people committed to leadership in alleviating human suffering caused by disease”