



CWRU Heart, Lung & Blood Diversity Internship

Program Description –Summer 2012

The short-term Heart, Lung & Blood diversity research internship program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine for over a decade is once again offered for Summer 2012. These internships have traditionally been offered to undergraduates and medical students underrepresented in biomedical science including African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, as well as to those with disabilities or who have experienced significant disadvantages.

Prior interns have actively participated in laboratory or clinical research studies during the summer with faculty mentors at Case Western Reserve, University Hospitals of Cleveland and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, among our affiliates. Many have presented their work at major national meetings and have gone on to academic careers.

Students are paid for two months (\$3500) participation with additional pro-rated stipend for longer periods. Start and end dates for the minimum 8 week program are approximately May 28-July 27, 2012 but are flexible. Additional support for economy travel and partial funds for dormitory housing are available for those from outside the Cleveland area.

This note is to particularly encourage **first year medical students** to consider the program and apply online (<http://casemed.case.edu/omp/SummerResearch.cfm>) before March 1, 2012. The Steering Committee will select applicants and work to match their interests with sponsoring faculty members. After the match is made, the mentor approves the fellow's research project and supervises the student during the summer period. While participating in the program, students are expected to attend a weekly luncheon seminar on aspects of cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematological and sleep disorders research specifically designed for them and typically have had orientation in our research-related residency programs. At the termination of the summer, the student must present a poster or written summary and short oral oral presentation.

For additional information, please review the website at <http://casemed.case.edu/omp/SummerResearch.cfm> and contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your interest in this program.

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