

Summer Research Internships

2020 Summer Scholars Program

Monday, May 18 – Thursday, July 30, 2020

The Summer Scholars Program is a competitive summer research internship to work with an Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) faculty member for 11 weeks on one of their current projects.

Our five basic areas of research include:

1. **Pre-Clinical (Laboratory)** – These projects are offered by medical school faculty members and require prior laboratory experience and knowledge of basic laboratory procedures. Many of these projects will also require additional training (provided by the program) for working with animal tissue.
2. **Clinical Medicine/Quality Improvement**– These projects are offered by hospital physicians and may involve chart review or patient/parent interviews in topics such as obesity, diabetes, maternal and infant health, oncology, autism, allergies, psychiatry, and other health related fields impacting children and adults.
3. **Behavioral Health** – Projects in this category are offered by EVMS faculty in partnership with physicians. These projects may involve chart review, patient interviews, or behavior observation in topics such as substance abuse, mental health, or wellness promotion.
4. **Educational Research** – These projects offered by EVMS faculty members and may involve systematic literature review, student or faculty surveys and interviews, curriculum development or change, or educational program evaluation.
5. **Global Health** - These projects, mentored by faculty with local and international community partners, will address health inequities related to maternal-child health, quality improvement (QI), and capacity building in health systems and community stakeholders. Scholar activities may involve chart review, QI data collection, program monitoring and evaluation in international settings, as well as reinforcement of ongoing health education programs.
6. **Public/Community Health** – These projects are offered by EVMS faculty focused on regional communities and may involve community member interviews, population level data collection and surveys. Topics include health disparities, environmental exposures, population health, disease prevention, and health policy and wellness promotion.

Students who are eligible for this program – (1) Undergraduates – students entering their senior undergraduate year for the fall 2020 term, or students graduating before May 18, 2020. (2) Graduate or Medical Students – students entering their first or second year of graduate or medical school for the fall 2020 term. (3) Other – students who have completed their senior undergraduate year (or post baccalaureate courses) and are preparing to apply to graduate or medical school in the near future. In order to provide this experience to the greatest number of students, prior summer scholars are not eligible to apply.

Time Commitment – PLEASE NOTE: **Students must be available full-time (40 hours per week) for the entire program. There are usually no program obligations during weekends.**

Housing – Out-of-town students are responsible for finding their own housing, although the Summer Scholars Program will provide rental leads from EVMS medical students who are willing to lease or share their apartments during the program. Most of these rentals are within walking distance of our medical campus.

Stipend – Students will receive a \$2,500 stipend.

In addition to your research project, students will – (1) participate in a lecture series on various aspects of conducting and presenting research, (2) give an oral research presentation under the mentor's guidance, and (3) give a poster presentation of project outcomes at the closing reception.

How to apply – Submit the official 2020 Summer Scholars Program Application Form and all supporting documentation to the following address. **Complete application packets must be in our hands by January 31, 2020.**

https://www.evms.edu/research/centers_institutes_departments/pediatrics/summer_scholars/

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