Diversity Student Summer Research Opportunity Program

June 5, 2017 – July 28, 2017

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Eligibility and Admission Requirements

The Diversity Student Summer Research Opportunity Program is designed to provide educational opportunities for undergraduate students who have a strong interest in a research career in biomedical or biological or medicine. In keeping with Albert Einstein College of Medicine’s overall commitment to diversity, we strongly encourage applications from those groups historically underrepresented in medicine to apply.

The program welcomes applications from college students that meet the following criteria at the time of application:

- are either a sophomore or a junior in college
- have taken at least one year of biology and general chemistry with laboratory
- have at least a 3.0 science grade point average
- are a US citizen or permanent resident (international students are not eligible)

Admission will be based on the applicant’s academic record, including prior research, an essay and a letter of recommendation from the applicant’s faculty advisor or research supervisor. Intent to pursue a Ph.D. or MD/Ph.D. degree and prior research experience are desirable.

Description

The program provides eight weeks of experience and participation in biomedical research. Students participating in the program will conduct research under the direction of a faculty member. Research assignments will be made based upon availability of research opportunities and according to the mutual interests of the faculty sponsors and student participants.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact not only with the faculty member directing the research, but also with the graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows working at the site. Frequent meetings with other program participants along with one or more of the faculty sponsors will be scheduled as well as weekly seminars, workshops, and lectures.

At the end of the eight week period, program students will have the opportunity to present their work to their peers and faculty at a poster session. Each student will also be expected to write a report concerning the research work conducted and its relation to other work in progress at his/her site.
Expenditures Related to Participation

Fellowships in the amount of $3,000 will be awarded and limited travel reimbursement for students living outside the New York metropolitan area will be available.

Students are responsible for meals, health insurance coverage, and other incidental expenses.

Housing and Meals

On campus housing will be provided to students accepted into the program at no cost to students. Meals may be prepared in the apartments or purchased at the college or hospital cafeterias and surrounding community.

Social Activities

Participants will be invited to all Graduate School and Diversity Enhancement Office functions. A barbecue and special social events will be scheduled specifically for participants. Smaller group social interactions will occur within research laboratories and with other program participants. The Office of Diversity Enhancement will serve as a Student Affairs Office.

Application Procedure

Completed applications should be sent to:

Diversity Student Summer Research Opportunity Program
Office of Diversity Enhancement
ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
1300 Morris Park Avenue, Room 507 Belfer
Bronx, NY 10461

Note: Letter of recommendation and official college transcript from each college you have attended should be sent directly from your college to the address above. Telephone inquiries should be directed to: Ms. Nilda I. Soto at (718) 430-3091, Fax (718) 430-2146.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IS:

MARCH 10, 2017
Diversity Student Summer Research Opportunity Program

Notes: Read all instructions and questions before you start.
Please TYPE or Print neatly all application information.

ELIGIBILITY

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STEP #1 Complete the Application Data Sheet and the Essay Form (include your signature and date) and send to:

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ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
1300 Morris Park Avenue, Belfer 507
Bronx, New York 10461

STEP #2 Request a copy of your OFFICIAL transcript from your college/university Registrar for each college you have attended to be sent directly to the address noted above.

STEP #3 Complete the applicant information at the top of the Faculty Recommendation Form and submit to your faculty advisor or research supervisor. Please have the person send the completed form signed and dated DIRECTLY to the address noted above.

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March 10, 2017
APPLICATION DATA SHEET

Please print complete information below:

Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Last                         First                         Middle

Campus Information

College/University____________________________________________________________

If you reside on campus, your campus mailing address: _____________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

Landline Telephone Number (   ) _________________    Cell Phone   _________________

Email Address (please print clearly) _____________________________________________

Date of conclusion of Spring 2017 semester _______________________________________

After what date should we contact you at home rather than at your campus location? _____

Major Field of Study__________________________________________________________

Expected Date of Graduation___________________________________________________

Career Goal(s) __________________________________________________________________

GPA (cumulative) _______________________________

(The cumulative GPA must be apparent on transcript. If not, a letter from the Registrar’s Office must be included which indicates cumulative GPA. Transcript or letter should also indicate the current courses being taken.)

Scholarships, prizes, awards, membership in honorary and professional society:

________________________________________________________________________
PERSONAL DATA

Home Address__________________________________________________________________

City/Town                     State               Zip

Home Telephone (    ) ________________________

Name of Parent(s)____________________________      Phone No.________________________

Guardian(s) _________________________________      Phone No.________________________

Citizenship:    United States_________            Permanent Resident_________________

Other_______________            Visa Type________________________

Identify Country________________________________________________________

Deadline – March 10, 2017
Essay

Describe below your scientific research interest and what you hope to accomplish during the fellowship experience. Please include references to your undergraduate courses and lab work which you feel prepares you for research. Include information about your community service experiences as well as personal and professional goals. We are also interested in your non-academic endeavors.

Type or hand print neatly – essay can be attached to this form

_____________________________  ___________________________
Signature                                      Date

Deadline for application and documents:

March 10, 2017
Faculty Recommendation Form

Name of Applicant___________________________________________________________

Last                        First                    Middle

I (select statement) waive/do not waive my right to see this recommendation.

_______________________
Student’s Signature

Name of Individual Recommending Student______________________________________

College/University______________________________________________________________

Department___________________            Telephone (    ) ________________________

Applicant’s:               Faculty Advisor___________        Research Advisor___________

Other (specify) _________________________________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant? _______________________________________

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Please describe on the back of this form or attach a letter on letterhead the applicant’s academic performance and potential based upon your interactions with him/her. Please include references and the ability to conduct research in a laboratory setting.

All information will be considered confidential if the student waived the right to see this recommendation. This report will be limited to the selection committee.

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March 10, 2017
Rate the applicant on the given items by a numerical score of 1 to 5, basing such ratings on the degree of accomplishments usually expected of individuals at this level:

1). Outstanding
2). Above Average
3). Average
4). Below Average
5). Poor
6). Insufficient Knowledge to rate

Originality □ Ability to Exchange Ideas □

Accuracy □ Perseverance in Pursuing Goals □

Research Ability □ Ability to Relate to Others □

Scientific
Background □

Comments:

Signature

Date

Return to: ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
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