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SUMMER INTERNSHIP RECRUITMENT

Please reach out to students!

Summer Research Experience, June 18th to August 10th, 2018

The Summer Research Experience is an 8-week, paid, residential internship at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). Selected students, or GUIDE Project scholars, will be matched with a scientific mentor from the UIC Cancer Center faculty and learn about research from the inside. The first week is an intensive Research Boot Camp filled with speakers and activities designed to prepare students to work in the area of Cancer Health Disparities research. The next 7 weeks include continued workshops, meetings, and laboratory work, culminating in a student research seminar oral presentation and poster. Students are paid $2500 in addition to room and board provided on the UIC campus. Participants collaborate with a researcher or research team depending on assigned position. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to:

➢ Attending workshops or conferences related to latest research
➢ Contributing to project team meetings
➢ Conducting literature reviews
➢ Recruiting or enrolling research participants
➢ Collecting, maintaining and/or analyzing data
➢ Preparing research reports or poster presentations with guidance
➢ Instituting health programs related to education, outreach and intervention

Application Process

Consideration for an internship opportunity through the GUIDE project requires an application...
process, in which applicants must:

➢ Complete provided Application Form
➢ Provide copy of current resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
➢ Provide copy of unofficial college transcripts
➢ Provide 2 official letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member)
➢ Essay/Statement of Purpose describing specific interest in cancer disparities research and description of current career trajectory

Turn in your completed application packet, in person, to the Project Manager, Kathy Gustafson.

Deadline: November 30, 2017

UPCOMING COURSES/WORKSHOPS

HPA 591 Course (Grant Writing for New Investigators): designed for junior faculty and post-doctoral fellows interested in applying for a career development grant (such as NIH K series awards such as K23, etc., VA Career Development Awards, AHA Mentored Clinical & Population Research Awards, ACS Mentored Research Scholar Grants, etc.).

- It is a required course for the MS CTS (Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science) program, but is available to those outside of the program as well.
- In this course, students will learn the mechanics of an NIH grant application, develop grant-writing skills as they draft a career development award application, and carry out peer reviews.
- There are only about 10-12 seats available for this class, so space is very limited!
- When: Thursdays from January 18th thru May 10th
- Time: 1:30PM-4:00 PM.

Upcoming Workshops/ Professional Development

Managing Collaborative Research
When: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Where: UIC; College of Pharmacy 470
Time: 12PM-1PM
Speaker: Robin Mermelstein ;Optional for ESIs

Manuscript Review
When: Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Where: UIC, 307C AOB, 1737 W. Polk St.
Time: 12PM-1PM
Speaker: Edith Nutescu

Ethics in Grant Review
When: Monday, February 12, 2018
Where: UIC, 307C AOB, 1737 W. Polk St.
Time: 12PM-1PM  
Speaker: Amelia Bartholomew  

CONFERENCES  
AACR Annual Meeting 2018  
April 14-18, 2018  
Chicago, IL  

To learn more or to download an application, click here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Think Tanks: Fridays (Tentative Schedule)  
Contact Kathy G to schedule.  
Upcoming Presentation: Addressing Cancer Disparities and Aiding in Reentry  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
Time: 1:45PM-3:00PM  
Where: Hyatt Regency; Chicago, IL  
Speakers: Dr. Vickii Coffey, Dr. Muse, and Dr. Alicia Phoenix Matthews  

AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards  
The AACR Undergraduate Scholar Award is a two-year award that consists of $1,500 in financial support each year to help offset the costs of travel and subsistence for participating in two consecutive AACR meetings.  
Eligibility: Full-time, third-year undergraduate students majoring in a scientific field  
Online Application: December 15, 2017  
To learn more or to download an application, click here.

CALENDAR  
Lunch-n-Learn: First Wednesday of every month  
(Tentatively Scheduled) (12PM-1PM)  
- December 6, 2017  
- February 7, 2018  
- March 7, 2018  
- April 4, 2018
May 2, 2018

Research Methods Lecture Series: TBD

- Mixed Methods: Dr. Matthews
- Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
- Loan Repayment Program
- How Grant Reviews Work: Dr. Matthews
- Atlas TI: Angela Odoms-Young
- Multiple Regression: Dr. Spencer
- GIS: Shannon Zeak

Writing Retreat (December and March)

- December 11th-14th
- March 12th-15th

DID YOU KNOW?

Challenges in Research to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

One of the most difficult challenges facing the cancer research community continues to be developing ways to improve access to quality cancer care.

Currently, access to care is affected by several different factors including socioeconomic and policy-level factors.
- Factors include both state and federal policies on health insurance, hospital and doctor payment rules, and lack of access to health care facilities.

It is also difficult for researchers to untangle the complex factors that contribute to differences in disease outcomes. Factors include:

- Environmental (Exposure to secondhand smoke)
- Behavioral (Higher rates of alcohol use and physical inactivity)
- Cultural (Mistrust of the health care system)
- Biological

Researchers continue to work hard to overcome these difficulties in order to address the different disparities in different populations.

(National Cancer Institute, 2017)