



Summer Scholars Program 2009

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For rising or graduating college seniors (as of May 2009), and 1st or 2nd year graduate or medical students.

Program Dates: May 27 – July 31, 2009

MENTORED SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The Summer Scholars Program of the Department of Pediatrics of Eastern Virginia Medical School offers a **mentored research program for rising or graduating college seniors, and first- or second-year graduate or medical students** who are exploring potential careers in medical, biomedical, public health, or behavioral research. This 9 ½ -week summer program offers students the **opportunity to conduct a pre-selected research project** from start to finish and present project outcomes to the scientific community. **Formal classroom training and personalized application in research design, implementation, and publication** make this summer experience a must for anyone considering a career in research. Students are also given **opportunities to shadow clinicians, including pediatricians, psychologists and surgeons in various specialty fields of medicine at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

As a Summer Scholar, students will conduct their own research project (**pre-selected and designed by our faculty mentors**) **under the direct mentorship of a participating faculty member.** Each of our mentors has a full-time academic appointment in the Department of Pediatrics at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Under the mentor's guidance, students will deliver **two oral presentations:** (1) the project's hypothesis and specific aims during the second week, and (2) research results at the conclusion of the program. Each presentation will be held before a friendly audience of faculty, staff and invited guests. In addition to a hands-on research experience, students will attend **lectures on the basics of research, and seminars** where practicing investigators share their own research experiences. Students may elect to attend lectures offered at Eastern Virginia Medical School and Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, as well as **clinical conferences** within the Department of Pediatrics. **Students will also have an opportunity to shadow clinicians, including physicians, psychologists and surgeons in various pediatric subspecialties at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.**

PROGRAM DATES:

Wednesday, May 27 – Friday, July 31, 2009

STIPEND:

\$3,000 – paid in full at orientation on May 27, 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed and signed 2009 Summer Scholars Program Application Form
- Official School Transcript(s)
- Personal statement about your interest in research (one page)
- Letters of Recommendation (**at least two**), one of which must be from one of your professors
- **ALL application materials must IN OUR HANDS BY FEBRUARY 13, 2009. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure we have received all application materials by February 13, 2009.**

NOTIFICATIONS:

Students will be notified of their standing by March 27, 2009.

TIME COMMITMENT:

Students must be available full time (at least 40 hours per week) for the entire program. There are usually no program obligations during weekends.

HOUSING:

Students are responsible for finding their own housing, although the program will provide leads for summer rentals within walking and driving distance of the campus.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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