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Overview

The Continuing Umbrella of Research Experience Program (CURE Summer Research Program) at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University was established in 1999 to expand the diversity of students engaged in biomedical research. CURE enables undergraduate students from underserved populations to receive state-of-the-art training in laboratory based cancer research on either the Chicago or Evanston Campuses. In this 8-week program, trainees have the opportunity to learn about the molecular and cellular basis of tumor growth, invasion and metastasis. In addition to the laboratory research, students attend weekly seminars on the basics of cancer research, they receive career counseling and they submit an abstract and make a formal presentation of their research findings at the end of the Program. The goal of the CURE Program is to provide a unique experience that encourages underserved students to pursue careers in cancer research.

Program Dates
June 19 - August 11, 2017

Eligibility

Students must be classified by September 2017 as college freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior students. Applicants should be majoring in the sciences, and their transcripts should demonstrate a record of academic achievement, with a GPA at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are members of an underserved population (African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Pacific Islander) and should have an interest in pursuing a career in biomedical research.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How are mentors/laboratories assigned?

A: Mentors and labs are assigned based on your personal statement in the application.

Q: Are students supervised while working in the lab?

A: Students work directly with and are supervised by a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow.

Q: Can I select a specific lab?

A: Yes, you can request a specific lab and we will try to accommodate your request.

Q: Is there transportation between Chicago and Evanston Campuses?

A: Yes, there is a free shuttle bus between the two campuses.

Q: How many hours per day is CURE?

A: CURE students work full time in the laboratory (35-40 hours per week).

Q: Are there opportunities for networking?

A: Yes, CURE students attend weekly scientific seminars. They are also encouraged to network with faculty in the Lurie Cancer Center.

Stipend

Participants in the CURE program receive a stipend of \$3,500.

Housing

Housing is provided free of charge on the Evanston Campus of Northwestern University to students who do not live in the Chicago area. The Program will also pay for air travel to Chicago.

Campuses

CURE students may select to work in laboratories at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois or at the Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. Both campuses overlook Lake Michigan.

Application

Application consists of:

- application (online form)
- statement of research interests (online form)
- high school or college transcript (upload transcript PDF via online form)
- teacher's letter of recommendation (teacher submits via online form)

Website for Application
cancer.northwestern.edu/cure

Application Deadline
March 1, 2017

* The entire application, including transcript and letter of recommendation, must be received by the deadline.