

To obtain information, prospective mentors should visit the ORSP

Website: http://njms.umdnj.edu/research/orsp/faculty_information.cfm.

From this website you will be able to download the guidelines and the form for submitting a project to the Summer Student Research Program.

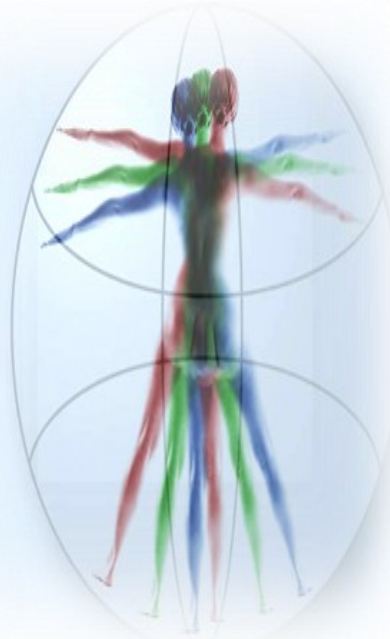
THE DEADLINE FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION IS DECEMBER 31st.

Note: guidelines for project submission are strictly adhered to.

A Summer Student Research Committee will meet to discuss and rank submitted projects. Faculty mentors will be notified if their particular project has been selected for student stipend support.

Once funded projects are identified, these will be made available to students via the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) website.

Faculty mentors are encouraged to meet with students interested in their projects so that a mutually agreed-upon match can be made. Once a student has been accepted into a faculty member's research setting, the Student Application Form must be signed and returned to Giovanna Comer in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, MSB C-690.



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The Summer Student Research Program



The Summer Student Research Program provides a unique eight-week research experience for NJMS first and second year medical students, as well as undergraduate students enrolled in our combined BS/MD seven year program. Students

participate in biomedical research activities in a laboratory or clinical setting while developing a close working relationship with a faculty member or mentor. A directory of faculty research projects are available through the NJMS-ORSP website.

Participation in the program is often the student's first research experience. It provides an opportunity for each student to evaluate the possibility of a career in academic medicine as well as gaining an appreciation for the importance of biomedical research to tomorrow's physicians.

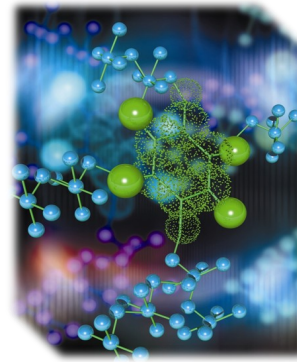
Many projects provide either a small stipend or a fellowship; many other projects are available on a volunteer basis. Interested students should contact the faculty mentors directly and discuss, in more detail, the goals of the project. Prospective mentors from NJMS faculty evaluate the candidate's qualifications to undertake the proposed research project.

If the prospective mentor or mentee appears appropriate the student applies for that specific project through the Office or Research and Sponsored Programs.

At the conclusion of the program students are required to submit an abstract summarizing their research. The research abstracts are published annually. Students are also required to present their research projects at the annual Student Research Poster Day.

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Student Information

A directory of summer student research projects are available through the ORSP website:

http://njms.umdnj.edu/research/orsp/student_information.cfm. This directory identifies projects by faculty mentor, department, project title and research type.

To apply for a project, the student must first meet with the prospective mentor of the project in which they are interested. The selection of students for projects is at the discretion of the faculty mentor. Once a match has been made, students complete the application form and return it to our office. Both student's and mentor's signatures are required to complete the application.

Students must be in good academic standing to participate. Projects are to be carried out during an eight week period during which the **students must not have any other academic activities.** Students cannot participate in this program while performing any other full-time program sponsored by UMDNJ or its schools.

If a student is required to retake one exam, they will be considered in good academic standing. However, if a student must re-exam in more than one course or must attend a course during the summer, they are NOT eligible to participate in this program.

Stipends are available for select projects. If a student is accepted for a stipend approved project the payment schedule will be as follows: The first half of the stipend will be paid after initial program requirements have been met. The second half will be paid ONLY upon submission and acceptance of the final report.

Federal Work Study

Faculty members, whose projects are not selected for funding through the Summer Student Research Program, may elect to have these projects listed as a Federal Work-Study (FWS) project.

Work-Study eligible students may work a maximum of 35 hours per week at a rate of \$12 an hour and are paid on a biweekly basis. Student Salaries derive 75% from work-study and 25% from funds provided by the mentor/dept.

Example: If a student works the maximum of 35 hours a week for eight weeks he/she will earn \$3,360 for the summer. Twenty-five percent of which will be paid by the mentor/department \$840.

The mentor is responsible for signing the FWS pay vouchers confirming the dates, times and total hours the student has worked on a project. Please note that the Federal Work-Study program is available to all eligible students throughout the school year.

Note: students must be currently enrolled in NJMS and have completed necessary financial aid requirements to qualify.