



Office of Medical Student
Research Programs

Medical Student Summer Research Fellowships- Fact Sheet for summer 2018 Program

The Wayne State University School of Medicine has an established Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship program (MSSRF). A mentored research fellowship can be set up with WSU faculty and also with mentors at Henry Ford Hospital. The mentored activity may be in a basic science research program, or a clinical/outcomes study. All research is performed under the mentorship of a Wayne State SOM faculty member or adjunct faculty member.

The MSSRF fellowships are *competitive and limited in number*. Awarded students will receive a stipend of \$3,000 for 9 weeks of research during the summer. Work designed to be performed over less than 9 weeks may also be submitted, however, if deemed competitive and awarded, the stipend will be prorated for the time invested. The faculty sponsor stipend is \$1,000 and must be paid into an appropriate WSU or HFHS account.

Briefly, the steps to apply to the Medical Student Summer Research Program are:

1. You choose a WSU- or HFH-associated research mentor with whom to study. In an effort to increase the opportunities for students who wish to perform clinical or outcomes research, we are expanding our pool of mentors to include adjunct WSU faculty at affiliated hospitals, but we may not be aware of all the possible mentors at these locations.
2. Students in collaboration with their selected mentor are to prepare a description of the summer project. Guidelines will be available on our website, or by request from the Office of Medical Student Research.
3. Submit your application to our office!

The only two stipulations imposed for competing for the MSSRF fellowships are:

- 1) The student research should be a project designed for you to learn and participate in the approach to medical research, including formulating an hypothesis, experimental design and executing the work (as well as analyzing the results) within the 9 week fellowship window.
- 2) That the sponsoring mentor must have an official appointment with Wayne State University (e.g. full-time or adjunct faculty appointment).



TIMELINE:

Fall (October, November, and December):

- Consider the area of research you wish to pursue.
- Seek out a research mentor. It is never too early to start!
 - Contact us in the Office of Medical Student Research for help finding a mentor.
- Once you have found a mentor, decide on a project and read about it.
- Begin writing your project proposal.

January:

- Write your project proposal in collaboration with your selected mentor. Make sure you have plenty of time to spare before the submission deadline!
- Attend the Medical Student Research Symposium on January 12, 2018.
 - Speak with your fellows students about their work and their experience.

February:

- If you are a Canadian citizen, begin the process to get your ITIN in order that you can receive the stipend. Note: Any delay in getting the ITIN number processed by the US government (they take their good old time in processing these forms) will delay your stipend.
 - a. To obtain an ITIN, students must contact either the WSU Office of the Ombudsman (<http://wayne.edu/ombuds/>) or the Office of International Student Scholars (OISS) (<http://oiss.wayne.edu/>) to begin this process.

March:

- **Application Deadline: March 2, 2018 no later than 5:00 pm.**
 - a. **THIS DEADLINE IS FIRM!**
- Applications will be reviewed, scored and ranked by a panel of faculty from Henry Ford Health System and the School of Medicine with expertise in basic, clinical, and epidemiological, and outcomes research. The proposals are ranked, and awarded based upon the scores and available funds.

April:

- **Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the fellowship by Friday, April 6, 2018.**
 - Upon receiving notification of the fellowship award, you must accept the award by completing the MSSRF Award Agreement form. Fill in the appropriate information on the form, have you and your mentor sign it, and promptly return the completed form to the Office of Medical Student Research.

May/June:

- **The Fellowship begins after the completion of classes- May 4, 2018 and continues through July 9, 2018.**

July:

- **Projects must be complete and final reports submitted by Monday, July 9, 2018.**