NIH Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) Informational Webinar
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Agenda

• Welcome
• Program Overview
• MRSP Administrative Topics and Application Process
• Scholar Panel
• Q&A (send comments and inquiries through the Facebook Live comments or via e-mail at mrsp@nih.gov)
Welcome

Tom Burklow, M.D.
Director,
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Program Overview

Susan F. Leitman, M.D.
Academic Director,
Medical Research Scholars Program
NIH MRSP

• A comprehensive, year-long research enrichment and career development program for medical, dental, and veterinary students
• Located on the NIH Intramural Research campus in Bethesda, MD
• Co-sponsored by the NIH and private partners via contributions to the Foundation for the NIH
• Scholars are engaged in a mentored basic, translational, or clinical research project with an experienced research mentor that matches their professional interests and career/ research goals
Unique and Broad Opportunity to Explore Scientific and Clinical Interests

- NCI
- NHLBI
- NIDCR
- NIAID
- NEI
- NIA
- CC
- NIDDK
- NIAMS
- NICHD
- NiddC
- NINDS
- NIEHS
- NIGMS
- NIMHD
- NIIAA
- NIMH
- NHGRI
- NLM
- NCCI
- NIDCD
- NIDCD
- NIBIB
- NIAAA
- NINR
- NIDA
Advisor
Mentor
Core Investigation Experience
Development Workshops (interview skills, CV writing)
Proctored Journal Club
Process of Discovery Lectures
Clinical Teaching Rounds
Networking
Lectures
Rounds
Advisors and Mentors

- **Advisor**
  - Oversees the Scholar's training
  - Helps to identify a research Mentor
  - Offers guidance and career counseling

- **Research mentors**
  - Selected before or shortly after arrival
  - Oversees research project
  - Approximately 350 available NIH mentors
MRSP Program Curriculum

- Lecture presentations highlighting the continuum of scientific discovery
- Training in the understanding of clinical protocol development and the conduct of human subjects research
- Journal Club presentations by the Scholars
- Focused clinical teaching rounds with patients participating in research protocols at the NIH Clinical Center

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Administrative Topics and Application Process

Tonya Shackelford and Kenny Williams
MRSP Administrators
MRSP Benefits

• 12-month stipend (approximately $37,000)
• Relocation expenses to and from Bethesda
• Residential housing on or proximal to NIH campus
  – Rental fee paid by students
• Education Stipend ($2000)
  – Domestic conference travel
  – Tuition support for scientific courses and textbooks
• Health insurance
# 2019-2020 Application Timeline

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<td>March 4</td>
<td>MRSP Interviews (on the NIH campus)</td>
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<td>Mid - March</td>
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<td>March 22</td>
<td>Uniform Deadline to Accept Offer (MRSP, Sarnoff)</td>
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MRSP Eligibility Criteria

- Medical students participate after 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, or 4\textsuperscript{th} year
- Dental and veterinary students generally participate after 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 4\textsuperscript{th} year, due to integrated nature of clinical years
- Students who have completed their 1\textsuperscript{st} year are eligible to apply
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Good standing in medical, dental, or veterinary school
MRSP Eligibility Criteria (cont’d)

- Approval from Dean of Student Affairs
- Prior research experience is desirable but not required
- Applicants in their 4th year who are selected must make arrangements with their school to defer graduation until completion of MRSP
- 4th year students participating in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) are ineligible for the MRSP
MRSP Application Process

• Applicants apply on-line. Application consists of:
  – Cover letter/personal statement
  – Curriculum Vitae
  – Three letters of recommendation
    • Dean of Student Affairs or equivalent
    • Two professional references
  – Unofficial transcript from medical/ dental/ veterinary school
  – Unofficial transcript from undergraduate institution
General Tips for a Successful Application

• Strong personal statement articulating why you want to participate in the MRSP, including past experiences (personal, clinical, research) that led to this decision, and future career plans

• The three best letters of recommendation possible; ensure your two professional references are from people who can speak to your success and attributes
Q&A

(send comments and inquiries through the Facebook Live comments or via e-mail at mrsp@nih.gov)
Thank You

• Visit (link to be provided by Cindy Fisher) afterwards to view the archived version of today’s presentation,

• To see additional information about MRSP, or to apply please visit https://www.cc.nih.gov/training/mrsp/index.html

• Please email inquiries about MRSP to mrsp@nih.gov