

## Call for Applications: Massachusetts General Hospital 2012 Summer Research Trainee Program

**Grantor:** Massachusetts General Hospital

**Closes:** 2/17/2012

**Maximum:** \$4,000.00

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The Summer Research Trainee Program (SRTP), which was founded in 1992, attracts college and medical students from around the nation. The goal of this program is to inspire and develop students who are underrepresented in medicine (URM) to consider academic medicine and research careers by immersing them in cutting-edge research opportunities. Fifteen students, selected from a nationwide competition, join SRTP each summer. Students are assigned to specific Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) laboratories or clinical sites where they undertake original research projects under the mentorship of an MGH investigator. Investigation opportunities exist over a broad range of disciplines, including clinical, basic science, health policy and health services research. Assignments are carefully considered and are made with the student's career interest in mind. In addition to the research experience, students will gain knowledge through weekly didactic seminars, both at the MGH and at Harvard Medical School, and have opportunities for clinical shadowing.

### Program Terms

The Summer Research Trainee Program is a mandatory eight weeks in length, from June 11 to August 2, 2012. Students will be paired with a preceptor who will work closely with them, providing guidance and instruction. The student will participate in a new or ongoing project and assume increasing independence during the course of the program. Students are expected to:

Attend a full day orientation on Monday, June 11, 2012

Prepare an oral presentation of their work at the completion of the eight-week program

Prepare an abstract of the research project

Attend weekly didactic seminars

Complete all program, hospital administrative and occupational health requirements (eg. vaccination)

### Program Support

SRTP provides the following support during the eight week period of the program:

Housing costs (lodging arrangements provided near the hospital)

Living stipend of \$4000 for food and other necessities

Travel grants based on demonstrated need

### Eligibility

The program is open to students underrepresented in medicine (URM) who have completed at least three years of college and/or rising first and second year medical students. Exceptions are possible for sophomores with advanced laboratory experience. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. No prior research experience is necessary.

#### SRTP Application Application Process

The deadline for completed applications is Friday, February 17, 2012. Please complete 2012 SRTP application form, and send with all supporting documents to the mailing address listed below. A completed application must include:

2012 Application form completed and signed

Personal statement

Three letters of recommendation (must be sent directly by recommenders)

Resume

Official college and medical school (if applicable) transcript(s)

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered for this program, and allow enough mailing time for the materials to arrive before the deadline.

#### Important Dates:

Friday, February 17, 2012: Application deadline

Friday, March 2, 2012 (tentative): Selection decision

Monday, June 11, 2012: Start of program

Thursday, August 2, 2012: End of program

Application and supporting documents must be sent to:

Multicultural Affairs Office

Massachusetts General Hospital

Attn' Summer Research Trainee Program

55 Fruit Street, Bulfinch 123

Boston, MA 02114

**Link:** <http://jsnma.org/2011/12/massachusetts-general-hospital-2012-summer-research-trainee-program/>