

SUMMER STUDENT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Baystate Medical Center

<http://www.baystatehealth.com/cbr/SummerScholar.html>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Baystate Medical Center, the Western Campus of Tufts University School of Medicine, and UMass Amherst offer a mentored research program for rising college seniors and medical students (between the first and second years) who are exploring the potential of a career in medical, biomedical, public health, or behavioral health research. The 10-week summer program offers you the opportunity to participate in a research project from start to finish and present project outcomes to the scientific community. Formal classroom training and personalized application in research design, implementation, and publication make this summer experience an outstanding opportunity for any undergraduate student or first-year medical student considering a career in biomedical research.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As a Summer Student Scholar, you participate in the conduct of medical research that is part of a larger project. Your experience is designed for you and under the direct mentorship of a full-time faculty member of Tufts University School of Medicine or the UMass Amherst. Under your mentor's guidance you deliver two oral presentations: your project's hypothesis and specific aims at the end of the first week of the program, and your research results at the program's conclusion. Presentations are held before the Baystate Medical Center and UMass Amherst scientific communities.

In addition to your hands-on research experience, you participate in lectures on the basics of research and seminars where practicing investigators share their own research experiences. You may elect to attend the many scientific lectures and clinical conferences offered throughout Baystate Medical Center and UMass Amherst.

PROGRAM DATES & TIME COMMITMENT

Tuesday June 1, 2010 – Friday August 6, 2010

You must be available full time (at least 40 hours per week) during the dates of the program.

STIPEND

A stipend of \$3,500 is awarded to Summer Student Scholars for the 10-week period.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the application form (at www.BaystateHealth.com/cbr/SummerScholar.html)
- Personal statement outlining your interests in research
- Official school transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from one of your professors

ALL application materials must be received by March 19, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Students are selected on the basis of their academic achievements, community activities, and matching interests with researchers at Baystate Medical Center and UMass Amherst who are serving as mentors.

HOUSING

Baystate Medical Center offers visiting students on-campus housing and parking at no charge. Housing is available on a first come, first serve basis. Student housing is in suites with 3-5 private rooms per floor. Each floor contains a kitchen (sink, refrigerator, oven and microwave) and a bathroom. Each house has a living room equipped with a television, basic cable, and wireless internet capability. Bed sheets and bathroom towels are provided. Laundry facilities are located in one of the houses.

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