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Founders Affiliate Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship

Application Deadline: February 2, 2009

Objective

The purpose of this undergraduate research training program is to identify and encourage promising students from all disciplines to engage in full-time research and to consider cardiovascular research careers. Funding is available for research broadly related to cardiovascular function and disease, stroke, or to related clinical or basic science areas.

Students will not receive college credit for their summer research activities. Therefore, participation in the program will not appear on an official transcript from the institution where the student is assigned.

Target Audience & Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this program, undergraduate students should be classified at the junior or senior status at the time of award activation. At the time of application, students must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program, in either a four-year college or university, or a two-year institution with plans to transfer to a four-year college or university by the fall semester immediately following the summer program.

At the time of application, students must be a United States citizen, or a foreign national holding a student, exchange or permanent resident visa, including an F-1, H1, H1B, J1, PR, TC or TN visa.

Budget Items

Student awardees will receive a stipend of \$5,000 for the summer research experience. Stipends will be disbursed in one lump sum prior to the beginning of the internship. Payment will be made to the institution for disbursement to the student. Direct use of award funds to pay tuition is prohibited. The award is for educational purposes and does not constitute an employee-employer relationship between the student and the American Heart Association. All operational responsibility and liability for the program, including appropriate supervision, facilities and equipment must be guaranteed by the sponsor and sponsoring institution. The award is not intended to supplement or duplicate funding from another agency.

Students accepted into the program are responsible for arranging housing and transportation.

Award Amount

Stipend: **\$5,000** for the summer research experience

Duration of Grant

Minimum of **ten weeks**

Location of Work

Awards are limited to medical research laboratories, hospitals and universities in the Founders Affiliate which comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and New York.

Peer Review Criteria

Students are selected by the Founders Affiliate Research Committee. The selection is based on an assessment of the student's application and overall quality of the proposal, academic record, faculty recommendations, and mentoring relationship and research environment.

Students will be notified of the results of the selection process by mid-March 2009.

Reporting

Assessment of final reports from student and sponsor, including research and training accomplishments, abstracts, and publications will be expected.

Evaluation

The program will be evaluated by the following measures of success:

- Awardees' decision to enter into an education path leading to a research career.
- Publications and or presentations resulting from the summer experience.
- Application of techniques/approaches learned to future studies.

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