



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

SPURS

A Biomedical Research Program

Application Requirements

- Please complete and submit online:
<http://goo.gl/forms/mRmxI2beqF>
 - *A statement of purpose, resume and unofficial academic transcript should be compiled into one PDF and emailed to Castalia Sanchez.*
 - *Resume (include honors, awards, & other recognitions).*
 - *Unofficial academic transcript.*
- Official academic transcript should be sent by mail to Castalia Sanchez, Russ Berrie Pavilion 1150 St. Nicholas Ave., 5th floor (Rm. 508) N.Y., New York, 10032.
- Two letters of reference with evaluation forms should be sent directly by evaluators to Castalia Sanchez.

Eligibility

- US citizens or permanent residents.
- Undergraduate.
- GPA of 3.0 or above .
- Underrepresented minority students (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, or Pacific Islander) and/or students from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds (such as first generation college attendee or low income).
- Interested in pursuing graduate education in a biomedical field (MD, MD/PhD, or PhD).

Program Description

Faculty

Interns will be assigned a faculty mentor with whom the student will conduct directed research in an area of mutual interest.

Weekly Seminars & Workshops

In addition to research, interns will participate in weekly seminars and workshops. During the weekly seminars, students will have regular opportunities to discuss their research projects.

Meetings

Meetings with staff and mentors will provide an informal setting for discussions of varied topics, such as: opportunities in academia and the nature and rewards of an academic career.

Accommodations

Housing accommodations at Columbia's Morning-side Heights campus can be arranged for a fee payable by the program participant. Financial support for housing accommodations is subject to funding availability. No meal plan is provided.

Stipend

\$4,000.00 stipend for living expenses beyond the cost of housing.

Required application documents must be postmarked no later than February 5, 2016.

Email requirements to: Castalia Sanchez, Administrative Coordinator, Department of Physiology & Cellular Biophysics, Russ Berrie Pavilion | 5th floor | Room 508, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, 1150 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, NY 10032.

An application form should be completed and submitted online.

Please email, as one PDF, Statement of Purpose, Resume, and Transcript to Castalia Sanchez (email ca2001@cumc.columbia.edu).

Applications Available - December 18, 2015

Deadline - February 5, 2016

Awardees - Announced Early March 2016

Summer 2016 Session - Late May 2016 through Early August 2016



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Letter of Evaluation

(Please give to faculty sponsor)

TO THE APPLICANT

Please give this form to a professor/faculty advisor. We ask that you fill out the top portion of this form. Ask that the evaluator submit this form and a letter of evaluation via email to Castalia Sanchez (ca2001@cumc.columbia.edu). The letter of evaluation should be printed on institutional letterhead and signed. If the evaluator is unable to send electronically, please ask the sponsor to place this form and the letter of evaluation in an envelope and sign across the seal. The letter can be returned to you or **to send by mail** or can be forwarded to the SPURS program at the address listed below. Please ensure that the letter is sent electronically or postmarked by **February 5, 2015. (No late submissions will be considered).**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Department or Program

Name of academic sponsor

*Under the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives registered students the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of evaluation, in the belief that applicants, and the persons from whom they request evaluations, may wish to preserve the confidentiality of those evaluations, we are giving you an opportunity to sign one of the following statements:**

(1) I waive my right to examine this letter.*

Please check

(2) I do not waive my right to examine this letter.*

Please check

(Your Signature)

(Your Signature)

TO THE ACADEMIC SPONSOR

How long you have known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

How would you rate the applicant's overall preparation and aptitude for this program?

Top 5%

Top 10%

Top 25%

Top 50%

Below 50%

*This form is submitted to you for an opinion of the applicant's undergraduate work. In a **separate letter on your institution's letterhead**, we ask you to please discuss candidly the applicant's abilities, progress, and scholarly potential. Please email this completed form and your evaluation letter to Castalia Sanchez (ca2001@cumc.columbia.edu). If you are unable to submit electronically, please place this form and the evaluation letter in a sealed envelope and sign across the back flap. This can be returned to the applicant or sent directly to SPURS program at the below address.*

All application requirements should be submitted to Castalia Sanchez, Administrative Coordinator, Department of Physiology & Cellular Biophysics, Russ Berrie Pavilion • 5th floor • Room 520 • Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, 1150 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10032. **Application documents must be postmarked no later than February 5, 2016.**

***Note:** If the applicant requesting this evaluation has signed **neither** of the statements above this letter will be available for the applicant's examination.

Signature

Name (print)

Title

Department

Date