HCI PathMaker Scholars Program Information

The PathMaker Scholars Summer Research Program at Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) aims to increase participation of underrepresented students in biomedical cancer research and encourage them to prepare for careers in research, medicine, and education. The program sponsors students for a 10-week, residential summer research experience where they will live on campus and learn research methods and techniques in population science, basic science, or clinical research. Each student will work on a project as indicated by a principal investigator in a university research group. Students who successfully complete the first summer will automatically be accepted into the next summer’s program without reapplying.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a member of an underrepresented population
- Be a first or second-year college student or a junior or senior in high school. You must have completed your junior year of high school prior to the program’s start date.
- Be a citizen or non-citizen national of the United States, have a valid Alien Registration Card I-551, or other legal verification
- Have a strong interest in pursuing a career in the health sciences or biomedical research
- Must commit 40 hours per week to the program and live on campus during its 10-week duration

Benefits:

- Summer stipend of $3,000 for high school students and $4,000 for undergraduate college students
- Opportunity for University of Utah (U of U) students to receive a $1,000 scholarship
- Travel support to students who live outside of Salt Lake City, Utah
- Free housing and meal plan
- Attend a national conference to present summer research. All conference expenses will be paid for by the program

Expectations:

Students must commit to an individual research experience, weekly meetings, program events, and activities. All students are required to present research at the Summer Research Symposium organized by the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Students will be asked to complete surveys to evaluate the program.
Admitted students receive:

- A one-week intensive research training course
- A nine-week individual research experience on campus, with a U of U/HCI faculty member mentor (30 hours/week)
- Co-curricular group sessions and activities
- HIPAA and IRB Training Courses

Students who complete the program are likely to improve their chances of obtaining college scholarships and subsequent undergraduate research experiences.

Applications must include:

- Completed online form
- One-page, single-spaced personal statement addressing your interest in the program, career goals, personal and research related background, and skills.
- Copy of your most recent transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, or academic advisor.
- Application conditions and certification

If you have any questions, contact Anna Marsden or call 801-213-4234.