

HCI PATHMAKER SCHOLARS **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The *PathMaker Scholars* Summer Research Program at the Huntsman Cancer Institute seeks to increase the participation of underrepresented students in biomedical cancer research and to encourage them to prepare for careers in research, medicine, and education. The Program sponsors students for a ten-week, residential summer research experience where they will live on campus, learn laboratory training techniques and work on a project as indicated by a Principal Investigator in a university laboratory setting. Accepted students who successfully complete the program will automatically be accepted into the next summer program without reapplying, providing a two-year research experience.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a member of an underrepresented population within the biomedical sciences
- Be a citizen or non-citizen national of the United States, or must have current valid Alien Registration Card I-551, or other legal verification of such status
- Must have completed junior year of high school prior to the program start date *or* be an early undergraduate student
- Have a strong interest in pursuing a career in the health sciences and biomedical research
- Must be available to commit 40 hours per work week to the program and live on campus during its 10-week duration

Benefits:

- Accepted students will receive up to \$4,000 for their participation in the 10-week program, students will receive 5 equal payments throughout the summer
- Housing expenses and meal plan will be paid for by the program
- Travel support to students who live outside of Salt Lake City, Utah
- Attend a national conference and present their summer research during poster session, all conference expenses will be paid for by the program
- Opportunity to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for students attending the University of Utah

Expectations:

Students must commit 40 hours per week (M-F) to the program activities, which include individual research experience, attending weekly meetings, program events, and activities. All students are required to present their research at the Summer Research Symposium organized by the Office of Undergraduate Research. During and upon completion of the program, students will be asked to complete surveys to evaluate the program.

The students admitted will receive...

- A one-week intensive laboratory techniques course
- A nine-week individual research experience on campus, with a University/HCI faculty member serving as the research mentor (30 hours/week)
- Potential research topics that span the broad spectrum of the biomedical cancer research
- Co-curricular group session and activities
- Summer Stipend of \$3,000 for High School students and \$4,000 for undergraduate students
- Students will complete HIPAA and IRB Training Courses
- Students will receive housing and a meal plan during the summer program
- Opportunity to participate in the program for a two year summer experience

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

Applications must include...

- Completion of online application form
- 1-page single space 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.
**Letters must be emailed by recommender directly to program manager*
- Application conditions and certification

Questions?

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