NIH Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) Application Webinar

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Agenda

• Comments from MRSP Donors
• Program Overview
• MRSP Administrative Topics and Application Process
• Q&A (send inquiries to mrsp@nih.gov)
• Scholar Panel
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Program Overview
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NIH MRSP

- A comprehensive, year-long residential research enrichment program for medical, dental, and veterinary students
- Located on the NIH Intramural Research campus in Bethesda, MD
- Co-sponsored by the NIH and private partners via contributions to the Foundation for the NIH
- Scholars are engaged in a mentored basic, translational, or clinical research project in an area that matches their personal interests and career/research goals
Unique and Broad Opportunity to Explore Scientific and Clinical Interests
Scholar Guidance

- The MRSP provides each scholar with longitudinal mentorship beyond their PI

Research Mentor

MRSP Scholar

MRSP Administration

Scholar’s Assigned Advisor
Advisors and Mentors

• **Advisor**
  – Oversees the Scholar's training
  – Helps to identify a research Mentor
  – Offers guidance and career counseling

• **Research mentors**
  – Selected before or shortly after arrival
  – Oversees research project
  – Approximately 350 available NIH mentors
MRSP Program Curriculum

- Lecture presentations highlighting the continuum of scientific discovery
- Training in the understanding of clinical protocol development and the conduct of human subjects research
- Journal Club presentations by the Scholars
- Focused clinical teaching rounds with patients participating in research protocols at the NIH Clinical Center

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MRSP Class of 2016-2017
Administrative Topics and Application Process

Tonya Shackelford and Kenny Williams
MRSP Administrators
MRSP Benefits

• 12-month stipend (approximately $34,400)
• Relocation expenses to and from Bethesda
• Residential housing on or proximal to NIH campus
  – Rental fee paid by students
• Education Stipend ($2000)
  – Domestic conference travel
  – Tuition support for scientific courses and textbooks
• Health insurance
## 2017-2018 Application Timeline

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<td>Application Opens</td>
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<td>Notification of Selection for Interview</td>
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<td>March 6</td>
<td>MRSP Interviews (on the NIH campus)</td>
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<td>Mid - March</td>
<td>Notification of Selection to Participate</td>
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<td>March 24</td>
<td>Uniform Deadline to Accept Offer (MRSP, HHMI, Sarnoff, and Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowship)</td>
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<td>July - August</td>
<td>Students Begin Program Participation</td>
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MRSP Eligibility Criteria

- Medical students generally participate after completing their initial clinical rotations (3rd year)
- Dental and veterinary students generally participate after 2nd or 4th year, due to integrated nature of clinical years
- Students who have completed their 1st year are eligible to apply
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Good standing in medical, dental, or veterinary school
MRSP Eligibility Criteria (cont’d)

• Approval from Dean of Student Affairs
• Prior research experience is desirable but not required
• Applicants in their 4th year who are selected must make arrangements with their school to defer graduation until completion of MRSP
• 4th year students participating in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) are ineligible for the MRSP
MRSP Application Process

• Applicants apply on-line. Application consists of:
  – Cover letter/personal statement
  – Curriculum Vitae
  – Three letters of recommendation
    • Dean of Student Affairs or equivalent
    • Two professional references
  – Transcript from medical/ dental/ veterinary school
  – Transcript from undergraduate institution
General Tips for a Successful Application

• Strong personal statement articulating why you want to participate in the MRSP, including past experiences (personal, clinical, research) that led to this decision, and future career plans

• The three best letters of recommendation possible; ensure your two professional references are from people who can speak to your success and attributes
Email mrsp@nih.gov

Q&A
Scholar Panel

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Q&A
Thank You

• Visit the MRSP website to view today’s presentation, to see additional information about MRSP, or to apply.

• Please email inquiries about MRSP to mrsp@nih.gov