

# **UVM Larner College of Medicine**

## **Medical Student Research Fellowships**

We are pleased to announce the availability of funds to support up to two one-year medical student research fellowships annually. The fellowships are for LCOM medical students only.

This one-year program is designed to occur during a leave from the 4<sup>th</sup> year of medical school (July 1 through June 30). The student will complete the first 3 months of Advanced Integration starting in March of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and then complete the remaining portion of Advanced Integration upon returning to complete medical school during a 5<sup>th</sup> year. If there are extenuating circumstances that warrant consideration of a research fellowship earlier in the course of medical school, then other options for the timing of the research year will be considered.

### **Applications**

The first fellowships are scheduled to begin July 1, 2020. Applications will be due no later than 5PM on March 20, 2020 and should be electronically submitted as an attached PDF file to Dr. Renee Stapleton, Director of Medical Student Research, email [renee.stapleton@med.uvm.edu](mailto:renee.stapleton@med.uvm.edu)

Applications are specifically solicited from student/mentor teams and must be signed by the applicant and mentor. The primary mentor must be a full time LCOM faculty member.

Please prepare the application as follows.

The application should be to two pages, 11 Arial font, single-spaced, with one inch margins.

1. Student name, medical college class, contact information
2. Mentor name, contact information
3. Proposed start date. If not July 1<sup>st</sup>, please provide explanation.
4. Paragraph that provides a brief biosketch of the accomplishments to date of the medical student including prior research experiences.
5. Paragraph that describes the career goals of the medical student applicant.
6. Paragraphs that describe the anticipated research fellowship to include campus location, theme, objectives, type of research, and specific training/learning experiences. The proposed research fellowship must be conducted within the UVM system (UVM, LCOM, UVM Medical Center and Health Network).
7. Acknowledgement that research accomplished during the fellowship should be presented at a regional or national professional meeting and that peer-reviewed

publication of research findings is expected. A final progress report must be submitted to Dr. Renee Stapleton within 3 months of fellowship completion.

8. Acknowledgement by faculty mentor of the research fellowship plan and commitment to mentor the student for the one-year fellowship with signature and date.
9. Medical student signature and date

### Important Details

- The award recipient(s) will be selected from the applicant pool by a review committee consisting of the Senior Associate Dean for Research, the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, the Associate Dean for Graduate and Post-doctoral Training, and the Director of Medical Student Research. If no applications are found suitable, a fellowship will not be awarded.
- The selected student(s) will need to take a formal leave of absence from medical school for the research fellowship year.
- The student will be required to request Visiting Graduate Student status and enroll in six credits of GRAD 902 (Continuous Registration).
- We will provide a cost of living stipend (\$32,000) and 10% fringe (\$3,200). The student will be paid in the employee class student and Temp Exempt status as a temporary employee. The stipend will be distributed semi-monthly through the Additional Pay Form process.
- We will cover the costs of tuition (\$600), Health Center fee (\$743), and medical insurance (\$2694)
- Travel funds (up to \$3,000) will be made available for the student to attend regional or national professional meetings. The student must be presenting research findings or reimbursement for these expenses will be a taxable benefit.
- Based on registration in GRAD 902 (Continuous Registration) students will be considered enrolled half-time with non-degree status. We can also provide a letter that certifies that the student remains in good standing and is engaged in a one-year research fellowship. Students considering application to this LCOM program should contact their current loan holder(s)/servicer(s) to discuss eligibility for loan deferment before applying to the program.
- **Please note** that students considering application to this LCOM program must take into consideration that they will not be allowed to request new educational loans during the time of the fellowship and that they should **consult Student Financial Services** before completing the application to be sure that all of the requirements for loan payment abeyance will be met.