



CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Accepted on a rolling basis until March 31, 2022 at 5pm

BACKGROUND

A major goal of the **University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS)** is to develop a rigorously trained workforce that supports high-quality, innovative and impactful clinical and translational research. Clinical Research Professionals (CRPs), the research team members who supervise and oversee clinical trials and other clinical research studies, are essential to the conduct of clinical research. However, there is a shortage of CRPs, and the career path is not always a well-known option, even in healthcare. To expose highly motivated, promising undergraduate students to the role of a CRP – and to Clinical Research, more broadly - this internship will combine didactic training with hands-on project-based experiential learning.

This newly created program, offered by UMCCTS in partnership with UMass Amherst and UMass Lowell for Summer 2022, will offer ***ten full-time internship positions, with half allocated to students from each campus.***

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- Applicants must be US citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.
 - Applicants must be undergraduate students in the UMass Amherst School of Public Health & Health Sciences or the UMass Lowell Zuckerberg College of Health Sciences and be a rising Junior, Senior, or recent graduate as of June 2022.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Interns will be paired with Clinical Research Professional (CRP) mentors to train as part of a clinical research study team **full-time (40 hours/week) for 10 weeks, from June 6 through August 12, 2022 on the UMass Chan Medical School Campus (Worcester)**. Throughout this time, interns will be exposed to an array of both didactic and experiential learning opportunities. Didactic learning will include completion of UMCCTS' basic study coordinator certificate course, CITI Human Subjects Research and Good Clinical Practices training courses, team science and community engagement seminars, and regulatory training programs. The experiential component will place students on project research teams; each intern will be assigned a clinical research professional mentor and will attend clinical research professional group meetings.

A stipend of \$6,800 will be provided. Please note that interns will be expected to provide their own accommodations and transportation to campus each day.

Interested applicants are invited to attend either of two informational meetings to be held via Zoom:

Thursday March 3, 2022 from 12:00-12:30pm

Monday March 21 from 4:00-4:30pm

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/3827365430?pwd=V25zbHpBWGZlaTZDU2pSLzNCeGJrdz09>

These meetings will provide an overview of the program and application process, and answer questions.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will be accepted at:

<https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=JA9WHH3DA9> on a rolling basis **through March 31st, 2022 at 5:00pm**. In addition to completing several demographic and qualification-related questions, the following materials will be required as part of your application:

- **Current Academic Transcript:** An unofficial UMass transcript is required. If you have transferred from another undergraduate college or university, a transcript from that institution will also be required.
- **Resume:** A one page resume, detailing relevant knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences, must be included.
- **Personal Statement:** In 250 words or less, please address the following: 1) Your interest(s) in healthcare or biomedical science; 2) What drew you to the field; 3) Your career plans or goals following graduation; and 4) What interests you most about this internship.
- **Letter of Recommendation:** One letter of recommendation from an academic source (e.g., course instructor, academic advisor, or research mentor) who can attest to your suitability for a professional research career in healthcare is required. **Please have your recommender submit the letter at the application link listed above.**

TIMELINE

RFA Released:	Thursday, March 3
Informational Sessions (via Zoom):	Thursday, March 3 – 12:00-12:30pm Monday, March 21 – 4:00-4:30pm
Application Submission:	Accepted through March 31 at 5pm ET
Notification of Selection Decisions:	Friday, April 29
Internship Start:	Monday, June 6
Internship Completion:	Friday, August 12

QUESTIONS?

For questions, please email: ccts@umassmed.edu, with “CCTS Clinical Research Internship” in the subject line.

To learn more about the UMCCTS, please refer to the following websites:

<https://umassmed.edu/ccts/>

<https://umassmed.edu/ccts/education/ccts-summer-undergraduate-research-internship/>.