

Neuroscience and Mental Health Summer Internship for High School Students

Hosted by the Department of Psychiatry

The Neuroscience and Mental Health Summer Internship is a unique program designed for high school students interested in neuroscience and/or mental health. The curriculum integrates informative lectures and interactive workshops on clinical and research topics in the areas of neuroscience and mental health with daily mentorship time. Participants will be matched with UMass faculty members who will provide guidance and teaching as students work on a specific research topic and prepare a poster for presentation on the final day of the internship. Faculty advisors from prior years have included surgeons, researchers and clinicians with a wide variety of academic interests in neuroscience and mental health. Unfortunately, due to patient privacy considerations, program participants ***will not be*** permitted to observe or be involved directly inpatient care. Selected students are expected to attend and actively participate in all lectures and workshops as well as mentorship hours (to be determined by the matched faculty member).

Location: University of Massachusetts Medical School,
55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA, 01655

Tentative Dates: July 9th-July 20th, 2018

(Official hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:30pm. However, hours are subject to change depending on the schedule of a student's assigned faculty mentor)

Eligibility: Students who were enrolled in high school during the 2017-2018 school year and have an interest in neuroscience and/or mental health are encouraged to apply. Students must be citizens of the United States and 16 years of age by the application deadline (June 1st, 2018) to participate in this program. Acceptance decisions will be made based on GPA, essay question responses, and recommendation letters. The program does not provide housing and it is the students' responsibility to arrange for their transportation and accommodation needs. We can provide recommendations for housing options that are within walking distance to the medical school campus.



Required Application Contents:

1. Personal Information Page
2. Question responses
3. Two Letters of Recommendation (one letter MUST be written by a science or health careers/health education teacher and the second letter may be written by another teacher, an applicant's employer, or volunteer service or extracurricular activity advisor)

Application Process:

Completed application (consisting of contents 1 and 2 above) should be sent by the applicant in a single e-mail with subject "COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR NEUROSCIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP FOR (APPLICANT'S NAME)" (in all-caps) to williambernard.reid-varley@umassmemorial.org. Letters of Recommendation should be sent by the letter writers to williambernard.reid-varley@umassmemorial.org with the title "LOR FOR (APPLICANT NAME)" (in all-caps). Applicants will receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of the completed application within two business days. If no confirmation e-mail is received within that time-frame, please check the e-mail address was entered correctly and resend the completed application. Acceptance decisions will be sent by June 8th, 2018

Questions? Please contact William-Bernard Reid-Varley, MD, MPH, Isha Jalnapurkar, MD and Josh Claunch, MD, at williambernard.reid-varley@umassmemorial.org, Isha.Jalnapurkar@umassmemorial.org, and Joshua.Claunch@umassmemorial.org.

DEADLINE: Completed Applications (including personal information and essay question answers, as well as letters of recommendation) are due by 11:59 pm on June 1st, 2018



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Application Form

Personal Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address (street/city/state/zip code): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

High School: _____

GPA: _____

Able to attend every day for the entire duration of the program? Yes___ No___

If no, what potential conflicts do you have? _____



Questions

Please answer the following questions (limit responses to 600 words each)

1. Discuss your interest in the program and describe your research or clinical interests in the fields of neuroscience or mental health. Please include any details that will help us understand your goals and match you with a mentor that fits your interests.
2. List any academic or extracurricular activities in which you have participated and achievements/awards you have earned