

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 with inpatient care. Participants are expected to attend and actively participate in all lectures, workshops, mentorship hours (to be determined by the matched faculty member) and the poster session.

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

Tentative Dates: July 15th-26th, 2019

(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 2018-2019 school year and have an interest in neuroscience and/or mental health are encouraged to apply. Students must be citizens of the United States, residents of Massachusetts, and 16 years of age by the application deadline (May 13th, 2019) to participate in this program. Acceptance decisions will be made based on GPA, essay question responses, and recommendation letters. The last part of the application process is a 10 minute video or telephone interview that will be offered to only a small number of final applicants. The program does not provide housing and it is the students' responsibility to arrange for their transportation and accommodation needs.



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All of the following required application contents should be submitted as typed documents:

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 applications (Personal Information and Question Responses) 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 kendra.kobrin@umassmemorial.org. Letters of Recommendation should be sent by the letter writers to kendra.kobrin@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 that the e-mail address was entered correctly and resend the completed application. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Acceptance decisions will be sent by June 17th, 2019

Questions? Please email kendra.kobrin@umassmemorial.org. The contact persons are: Kate Stanton, MD, Kendra Kobrin, MD/PhD, and William-Bernard Reid-Varley, MD.

DEADLINE: Completed Applications (including personal information and essay question answers, as well as letters of recommendation) are due on or before May 13, 2019.



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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:

List academic/extracurricular activities:

List achievements/awards:

Are you able to attend every day for the entire duration of the program?



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Questions

Please answer the following questions (responses must be one page or less in length per question)

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. Please choose one of the following questions to answer:
 - a. Name one person that influenced you and explain how.
 - b. Name one person that you would like to meet and why.
 - c. Provide an example of how you helped someone.