SRPinAM Frequently Asked Questions

What is the start date for the program?

The participant is required to work in the lab 10 weeks over the summer between Phase 1 Year 1 and Phase 1 Year 2. The official dates for 2018 are Thursday, May 24, 2018 through Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Keep in mind that you will be actively working with your research mentor through the month of April to come up with a project outline and complete the preliminary abstract due by Friday, May 4, 2018.

Do students from IUSM statewide campuses participate in SRPinAM?

All Phase 1 Year 1 medical students enrolled in the IUSM from all statewide campuses are eligible and encouraged to apply for SRPinAM. While the majority of students are assigned to mentors on the Indianapolis campus, we encourage students at other statewide IUSM campuses to work with their campus directors and faculty to identify local laboratory mentors. We also encourage applicants to inform the SRPinAM Selection Committee of your campus preference for the summer.

How do I begin the process of identifying a research mentor?

Potential applicants are encouraged to review the list of research mentors on the website under Faculty Mentors (http://mse.medicine.iu.edu/student-affairs/imprs/faculty-mentors.html) and/or search for faculty in the area of interest (https://indiana.pure.elsevier.com/en/). If you are interested in doing a research project with a faculty member that is not listed on the Faculty Mentors list, please have the prospective mentor complete the "Prospective Faculty Mentor form (https://redcap.uits.iu.edu/surveys/?s=E3J7FH4HKY) under the Faculty Mentors tab. The SRPinAM Selection Committee will evaluate the potential mentor’s candidacy and approach him/her about mentoring a student for the summer.

What is the stipend for the summer?

The stipend is at $5,844 for the 10 weeks. The stipends are partially supported through one of several NIH Training Grants at IUSM and the Indiana Center for Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

Why should I participate in the Student Research Program in Academic Medicine?

This is best answered in the responses given by medical students who have done the summer research program in the past.

- "For the intellectual challenge; advancing my scientific knowledge"
- "Opportunity to work closely with an outstanding faculty researcher"
- "I'm considering a career in academic medicine and wanted to get an idea of what it is all about"
- "I got to function as more than a lab technician; this was much higher level than my undergraduate experiences in a lab"
- "Not having had research experiences, this program increased my confidence and professional skills"
- "In addition to research, I had the opportunity to observe in the clinic, attend rounds, attend seminars and attend enrichment sessions"

**Do you have to do summer research to get into a competitive residency program?**

A productive research experience which leads to research presentations or research publications will certainly be an asset to your residency application. Most residency directors say that students benefit from a strong, well-rounded record of accomplishments in academic coursework and clinical clerkships, as well as interests beyond these areas. While research is not a requirement for all residencies, it is an asset for the most competitive residency programs. In addition to the summer experience, you will also have opportunities to do research electives for credit in your third and fourth years of medical school.

**What factors are considered when selecting students for SRPinAM?**

Selections are made by the SRPinAM Selection Committee (constituted by five SRPinAM faculty members) and based on a matrix containing the applicant’s medical school fall semester performance, undergraduate GPA, total MCAT score, and three application essays. The personal statement, career objectives, essay responses and previous research experience bear considerable weight in the selection process.

**NOTE:** Students holding a PhD or currently enrolled in the MSTP at IUSM are not eligible to the SRPinAM program.

**Questions:** If you have any questions, please contact imprs@iupui.edu.