

SRTP 2023 Orientation

Application Process

The deadline for completed <u>2024 SRTP Application</u>, as well as supporting materials, is <u>on Sunday, February 4</u>, <u>2024.</u>

A complete SRTP application includes:

- Personal Statement
- Resume or CV
- Professional Photo
- Two Letters of Recommendation written specifically for the program
 - All Official Transcripts and Unofficial Transcripts from college, graduate, and/or medical schools attend (ed).
 - Official transcripts must be upload in the system.
- Letter of Good Standing (Only required for those in medical school if medical school transcripts are not yet available)
- If accepted, proof of health insurance

*Underrepresented in medicine (UiM) for the purpose of this program are those individuals belonging to a particular ethnic or racial group which has been considered by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) to be underrepresented in biomedical research (relative to their numbers in the general population). These groups may include Latino/Hispanic, African-American/Black, American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaskan Natives, among others. Sources: <u>AAMC</u>, <u>NIH</u> and <u>National Science Foundation</u>

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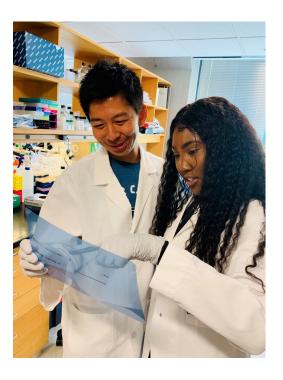
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SUMMER RESEARCH TRAINEE PROGRAM (SRTP)







SRTP student in the lab

2024 Summer Research Trainee Program

CDI founded the Summer Research Trainee Program (SRTP) in 1992 to inspire UiM students to consider careers in academic medicine 458 students have participated in the program. As a result of our commitment to mentorship and career development, SRTP received the 2017 HMS Award for Program Excellence in Mentoring. Last year, for 8 weeks between June and July 2023, 30 college and medical school students participated in SRTP to conduct research with MGH faculty preceptors in basic science labs, clinical research sites, health policy, and health services settings in 18 departments and centers. Assignments were carefully considered and made with each student's research and career interests in mind. Students were exposed to group mentorship, career workshops, research seminars, and networking and social events with the CDI community. The program culminated with presentations to the MGH research community, where students received feedback and evaluations from a panel of research faculty. Each year, several students continue working in their SRTP research sites beyond the summer and publish their work. Participants have stated that the program added tangible value to their subsequent training and career decision making, including a marked impact on their decision to pursue careers in an academic medical setting.

Program Terms

2024 SRTP applications will open October 18, 2023. The deadline for completed <u>2024 SRTP Applications</u>, as well as supporting materials is <u>5:00 pm on Sunday, February 4, 2024</u>. We will inform you of our selection decisions by the end of day on (tentative) Wednesday, February 28, 2024. To apply please go to

SRTP is a mandatory eight-week program, running from <u>June 3</u>, <u>2024 to July 26</u>, <u>2024</u>. Although the program is intended to be on site, we will follow MGH policies which may require a hybrid model.

Students are paired with an MGH faculty preceptor who provides guidance and mentorship in a new or ongoing research project. Students are expected to:

- Attend orientation during first days of the program
- Prepare abstract of research project in first weeks of SRTP
- Prepare an oral presentation of their work at the completion of the program
- Attend mandatory weekly didactic seminars and career mentoring sessions
- Complete all program, hospital and occupational health requirements (e.g. vaccination)

Once accepted, SRTP provides the following support and mentorship during the eight-week period of the program:

Financial Support

- Housing near Harvard Medical School (no cost to the student)
- \$5,000 living stipend for food and other necessities
- Travel grants based on demonstrated need (FAFSA required)
- Meals provided at most didactic sessions

"In addition to helping me develop critical research skills in a short time period, SRTP exposed me to great mentors and interdisciplinary collaborators, and taught me the importance of being creative in science. I felt incredibly supported and came back to complete my fellowship in Oncology, and now direct the Cancer Program in the MGH Center for Systems Biology."

Cesar Castro, MD, MMSc, Medical Gynecologic Oncology,



2023 SRTP Students

Mentorship

- Research mentorship by prominent MGH investigators and their research teams
- Career coaching and guidance by CDI staff and academic leaders
- Weekly didactic sessions
- Social and career networking opportunities with SRTP cohort and MGH trainees and faculty.

Eligibility

SRTP is open to students who meet the following criteria:

- Underrepresented in medicine (UiM)*
- Undergraduate <u>rising senior or senior</u>, rising 1st year medical student, or 1st year medical student, graduate school student, or postbaccalaureate student. (Note: freshmen and sophomores are not eligible)
- Attended/attending a college or medical school in the US and Puerto Rico
- US citizens or permanent residents
- If accepted, proof of health insurance will be required