NIH Medical Research Scholars Program

“Medical discoveries of tomorrow depend on the students we train today.”

-Dr. Francis Collins, NIH Director

Website:
http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/mrsp

HOUSING

The MRSP is a residential program and participants are required to live in the housing provided.

All rents include utilities (gas/electric, and water), and apartments are furnished with the basics for living. Students are expected to provide their own linens. No pets are allowed.

“The NIH MRSP was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn about how biomedical research can impact the health care we provide to our patients.”

Joseph Rimando, MD
Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University

CURRICULUM

- Lectures on seminal basic, translational and clinical research topics that highlight the continuum of discovery, as well as include issues in bioethics, science policy and emerging technologies
- Training in clinical protocol development and the conduct of human subjects research
- Participation in clinical rounds focusing on the research patient population in the NIH Clinical Center
- Assigned and dedicated yearlong advisor
- Assigned and dedicated research mentor
- Access to NIH Clinical Center courses including the Introduction the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research and the Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research
**BACKGROUND**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) is a comprehensive, yearlong research enrichment program designed to attract the most creative, research-oriented medical, dental, and veterinary students to the intramural campus of the NIH in Bethesda, MD.

“NIH is the motherland of collaborative, diverse, and impactful biomedical research—the perfect place to learn. The MRSP offers the perfect venue to learn...allowing us to choose from a huge number of PIs and projects across the entirety of NIH.”

Scott Galey, MD  
Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western University

**ELIGIBILITY**

- **Target Audience:** Medical, dental, and veterinary students are eligible for this program.
- **Year in Program:** This program is designed for students who have completed their initial clinical rotations (i.e., typically third year). However, students with strong research interests are welcome to apply prior to having completed these rotations. Dental and veterinary students are encouraged to participate after either their second or fourth year. Accepted fourth-year students must defer graduation before participation.
- **MD/PhD:** Candidates in double degree programs (e.g., MD/PhD) are eligible to apply.
- **Eligibility:** Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled in one of the following:
  - a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education
  - a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation
  - an osteopathic school accredited by the American Osteopathic Association
  - a veterinary medical college located in the United States, U.S. Commonwealth territories, or Canada accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association

**APPLICATION**

2019-2020 Application Cycle:  
October 1, 2018– January 11, 2019

Application consists of the following:

1. Personal statement
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Research areas of interests
4. Contact information for three references
5. Undergraduate and graduate/professional school transcripts

All applications must be submitted electronically by January 11, 2019. All letters of recommendation must be received by January 11, 2019.

“As a veterinarian in the program, MRSP was a unique and excellent opportunity to share ideas on how animal and human health can complement one another. It’s a great year to apply classroom knowledge to find solutions to some of science’s most vexing challenges.”

Lisa Gretebeck, VMD  
University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine