

SRP Application - Student Information

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Please take a moment to download the Intent to Participate form. Both you and your mentor should fill out the form completely. Please send to Candi Gard via email at cgard@bsd.uchicago.edu by February 6, 2025.

[Attachment: "2025 SRP Intent to Participate Form .pdf"]

Student Name:

(last name, first name)

Student Email:

(uchicagomedicine.org email)

I attest I can commit to SRP without interruptions

YES

Are you applying for external summer opportunities and/or funding?

Yes
 No

Please describe the external opportunity and/or funding for which you are applying:

Required NIH Questions

The next three questions will NOT have any impact on your application.

As part of our obligation to the NIH, we will periodically ask you to report on your research experiences. Your participation is imperative to the receipt and renewal of funding from the NIH for programs such as the Summer Research Program, MD/PhD programs, various minority training programs (including pipeline programs for younger students) and other large institutional training grants. This is part of a longitudinal tracking system that includes reassessments at graduation and every five years thereafter. your responses to these periodic assessments is part of ensuring that Pritzker remains a top academic institution for years to come.

Do you intend to pursue a career in Academic Medicine?

- Definitely
- Likely
- Not Likely
- Absolutely Not

How extensively do you expect to be involved in research during your medical career?

- Exclusively
- Significant involved
- Somewhat involved
- Involved in a limited way
- Not involved

Are you interested in a career that relates to any of the following areas?
select all that apply

- Aging/Studies of Older People
- Blood
- Brain/Neurology
- Diabetes
- Ethics
- Gastro/Digestive Diseases
- Heart
- Kidney
- Lungs
- NCI - Cancer
- Nutrition
- None of the above

Mentor Information

Mentor Name:

((last name, first name))

Department:

Section:

((if applicable))

Email:

I attest my mentor reviewed and approved my application

- Yes
 No

When did you identify your mentor?

- August
 September
 October
 November
 December
 January
 February

How many mentors did you meet before making your selection?

- 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9 or more

How did you find your mentor?
select all that apply

- Scholarly Opportunities Online Catalog
- S&D Track Leader
- S&D "E-Harmony" Advice
- S&D Team
- Website
- Course Faculty or Lecturer
- Career Advisor
- Peer (MS2-MS4)
- Other (please specify below)
- None of the above

Please specify your selection of Other above:

How important were the following criteria in choosing your mentor?

	Not at all important	Minimally important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Mentor's specialty is one I am considering	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor's specialty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor's track record of leading students to publications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor seemed interested in me personally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor is a career role model for me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor received positive reviews from prior students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor enthusiasm for their work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor availability to students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor success in research overall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What other characteristics did you consider in choosing a mentor?

Does your mentor have a Lab Contact (a post-doc, lab manager, phd student) who will play a role in your research?

- Yes
- No

Lab Contact's Name:

Lab Contact's Email:

Project Information

Title of Research Project

Did you locate this project in the 2024 Scholarly Opportunities Online Catalog?

- Yes
 No

Please indicate which categories best describe your research. Select all that apply

- Basic/Translational Sciences
 Clinical Research
 Health Services and Data Science
 Community Health
 Global Health
 Healthcare Delivery Improvement Sciences
 Medical Education

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Please select all of the categories that apply to your research:

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 Diabetes
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 Gastro/Digestive Diseases
 Heart
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- Geriatrics
- Health Disparities
- Hospital Care
- Immunology
- Medical Education
- Medical Ethics
- Medical Imaging
- Molecular/Cell Biology
- Neuroscience
- Orthopaedics
- Otolaryngology or Allergy
- Pediatrics
- Quality/Cost of Care
- Surgery
- None of the above

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Translation of your question into an educated prediction or guess.

Take a position and try to provide a direction..."increase", "decrease", "no effect", "related to", "higher", "lower"

Associated with a numerical probability (this is the educated guess)

Conservative (believable)

Use precise terminology (provide some background to explain terms that are not universally known)

Measurable (make sure the terms are measurable...for example if you are measuring "cognitive status," you may want to state: Cognitive status, as measured by lower MMSE score...)

Try to start with "We hypothesize that..."

Background of the Research Problem and the Hypothesis to be tested:

Please write this in your own words, do NOT copy from the research mentor's grant.

Specific Aims

Develop 2-3 research style specific aims that match your hypothesis and can be accomplished within the duration of the Summer Research Program (June 9- August 22).

Research-style aims have three parts: (1) an Aim Title, which is a short sentence or phrase (2) a brief description of the research strategy, and (3) the outcome you will measure, and how you will measure it.

Examples:

Aim 1: To describe sleep patterns of first year medical students. 70 first year medical students will report hours spent sleeping and daytime sleepiness using a smartphone app. Total sleep minutes will be compared between the weeks immediately preceding and following exams. Sleepiness will be measured using the Epworth Scale.

Aim 1: To describe patterns of microRNA expression in children with sickle cell disease and relationship to clinical presentations. From a biobank of 75 children with sickle cell disease, microRNA expression will be measured by XXX. Specific microRNA associated with clinical features of acute chest syndrome and stroke will be identified.

Aim 1: To conduct a needs assessment of elderly patients who have refused Covid vaccination. Using a smartphone-based survey, we will query 300 patients over 65 years old in the primary care clinic to better understand the barriers to receiving Covid vaccination, including trust, information, transportation, and input from family members.

Outline of Methods and Approaches

Your methods section should aim to be 2-3 paragraphs describing the study design, how data will be collected (or what you are measuring) and then how you will analyze it. Keep in mind that the Summer Research Program is only three months long.

To frame this, please begin by using the PICOTS framework. (development of research approach)

Population: (Please include a number of subjects planned to enroll)

Intervention:

Comparator:

Outcomes:

Timing:

Setting:

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Personal Learning Goals

Please tell us how the research you are proposing supports your own personal learning goals this summer.

Please enter three goals - use bullets, if possible

What potential pitfalls of your research do you think will occur during the program?

What can you do to ensure productive research during the program?

Does this project require that you use STATA for data analysis?

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- Yes
 No

Will you be requiring data to be pulled by CRI (Center for Research Informatics)?

- Yes
 No

Does this project require international travel?

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- Yes
 No

Which dates will you be out of the country?

Start Date:

End Date:

What will you be doing during your international stay?

Will your mentor be with you?

- Yes
 No

Will you have access to staff resources to help you at your destination while you are there?

- Yes
 No

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Please indicate the number of direct and independent hours during the Spring Quarter that your mentor has approved per week:

Hours with mentor:

(hours)

Hours of independent study:

(hours)

Total hours/week:

Institutional Research Oversight

(IRB, IACUC, and Quality Determination)

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Will human subjects or tissues be studied?

- Yes
 No
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Is this research approved by the IRB?

- Yes
 No, this research received an exemption by the IRB
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 No, but this protocol will be submitted to the IRB
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Submission Date:

Date Difference:

IRB protocol number:

WARNINGS Since your protocol is not scheduled to be submitted by February 6, 2025 you must provide a back-up project. Two new sections have been unlocked in your survey queue and will allow you to share the details of that project and its oversight.

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 No

Is this research approved by the IACUC?

- Yes
 No, this research received an exemption by the IACUC
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IACUC protocol number:

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Backup Project Information

Title of Research Project

Did you locate this project in the 2025 Scholarly Opportunities Online Catalog?

- Yes
- No

Check below to see detailed descriptions of the different research categories:

[Check here](#)

Basic/Translational Sciences: This Track encompasses research that investigates core scientific concepts and pathways, and often utilizes animals, cell lines, or tissues. This type of research allows one to take a clinically relevant question and investigate causation and underlying mechanisms in a controlled system. Projects are usually lab-based, but also include translational medicine including genomics/pathology.

Track Leaders: Erika Claud, MD & Ronald Cohen, MD

Clinical Research: Main area of focus is the trials of therapeutics, such as a clinical trial evaluating a new drug or device in the direct care of patients. Working with patients is not by default clinical; it often requires the test of a clinical intervention that does not fit the other tracks.

Track Leaders: Daniel Rubin, MD, MS & Gregory Ruhnke, MD

Community Health: This Track prepares students to promote population health. Projects will likely include community-based participatory research, diversity and equity research, health disparities research, needs assessments for community, primary care-oriented work, advocacy, and work in community sites/settings such as: schools, prisons, churches, and health centers. Students will develop necessary skills in establishing community partnerships for research and advocacy, public speaking, fundraising, consensus building, community organizing, organizational management, team building and inter-professional collaboration.

Track Leaders: Deborah Burnet, MD, MAPP & Mai Pho, MD

Global Health: This Track provides students with the skill-set to function most effectively in any global setting, working not only with individual patients, but with health systems and institutions as a whole, often within resource-limited settings.

Successful completion of this track also requires: students working outside of the U.S. or with data collected outside of the U.S.

Track Leader: Brian Callender, MD, MA

Healthcare Delivery Improvement Sciences: This is most applicable for quality and safety projects that are impacting our local health care system working with faculty and staff at UCM, often affiliated with Healthcare Delivery Science & Innovation. Projects include quality improvement, safety/medical error, and clinical informatics projects that aim to improve our local delivery system. It is likely that some projects could overlap with the Health Services & Data Science track. This track focuses more on the science of improvement.

Successful completion of this track also requires: participation in the HCDIS S&D Elective during your MS1 year or completion of IHI open school modules (more information can be obtained from Dr. Oyler and Dr. Vinci).

Track Leaders: Julie Oyler, MD & Sarah Sobotka, MD, MSCP

Medical Education: In this Track, students will learn the principles behind health professions curriculum development and evaluation, learner assessment strategies, instructional methodology, as well as teaching skills. Research projects range from determining the outcomes of educational interventions to exploring current cutting-edge strategies in medical education, as well as evaluating curricula. Essentially, projects will focus on the documented need for students, residents, faculty, advanced practice providers, and caregiver/patients to learn an important concept/skill.

Successful completion of this track also requires: participation in the Medical Education S&D Elective during MS1 or completion of readings/reflections at the direction of Dr. Farnan and Dr. Fromme during the S&D Block (more information can be obtained from Dr. Farnan and Dr. Fromme). Additionally, students will participate in some type of teaching experience during medical school, including but not limited to serving as a Peer Educator, the fourth year Becoming a Resident Teacher elective, or the fourth year Learners as Teachers elective.

Track Leaders: Jeanne Farnan, MD, MHPE & H. Barrett Fromme, MD, MHPE

Health Services & Data Science: Affiliated with Healthcare Delivery Science & Innovation, this Track is an integrated program of research and training experiences designed to expose students to quantitative and qualitative empirical approaches to understanding how people and systems work within medicine. From micro-interaction research at the dyadic level (e.g., doctor/patient communication about end-of-life wishes) to macro-level research at the national level (e.g., regional relationships between the prevalence of faith-based hospitals and access to prenatal services), and using ideas and theories from the social sciences, medical ethics, and related fields. Projects include health services/health outcomes research, big data/data science, medical ethics, patient decision making, empowerment, doctor-patient relationship, communication, and health policy/economics among others.

Track Leaders: Rochelle Naylor, MD & Micah Prochaska, MD, MSc

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Please tell us how the research you are proposing supports your own personal learning goals this summer.

How can you adapt your proposed work if a stay at home advisory/order is in effect ?

- No modifications needed
 - Minor modification needed
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 - Will not be able to complete - would need a new project
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Please explain your response above:

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(hours)

Hours of independent study:

(hours)

Total hours/week:

By completing this application, you are registering for a 50-unit elective. You do not need to do any additional paperwork to register. The registrar will follow-up with your mentor at the end of Spring Quarter to determine if this requirement has been fulfilled.

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IACUC protocol number:

Certification

By selecting "I Agree," I certify that I have worked with my mentor to complete this application and am aware of my responsibilities in participating in the 2025 Summer Research Program beginning Monday, June 9, 2025. In order for this application to be reviewed, I am aware that I must submit a signed Intent to Participate Form (including both my signature and my mentor's signature) to Candi Gard via email at cgard@bsd.uchicago.edu no later than February 6, 2025. You can download the Intent to Participate Form below.

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