NIH Medical Research Scholars Program Application Webinar

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AGENDA

- Welcome
- Program Overview
- MRSP Administrative Topics and Application Process
- Scholar Panel
- Q&A (send questions via chat)

WELCOME

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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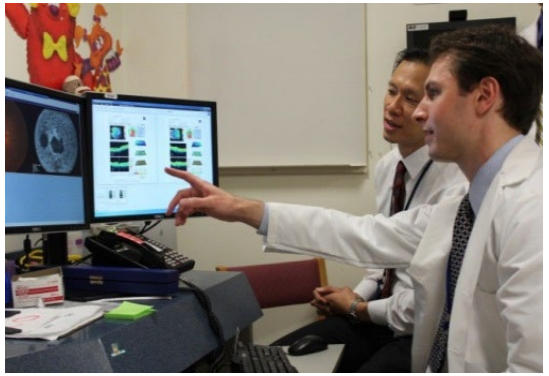
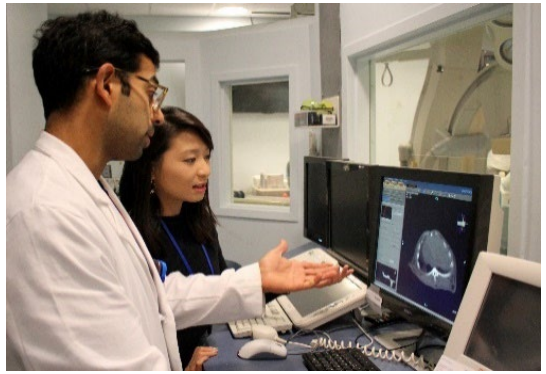
OVERVIEW

- A comprehensive, year-long research enrichment and career development program for medical, dental, and veterinary students
- Located on the NIH Bethesda and satellite research campuses
- Co-sponsored by the NIH and private partners via contributions to the Foundation for the NIH
- Scholars are engaged in a mentored basic, translational, or clinical research project with an experienced research mentor that matches their professional interests and career/ research goals

EXPLORE SCIENTIFIC AND CLINICAL INTERESTS

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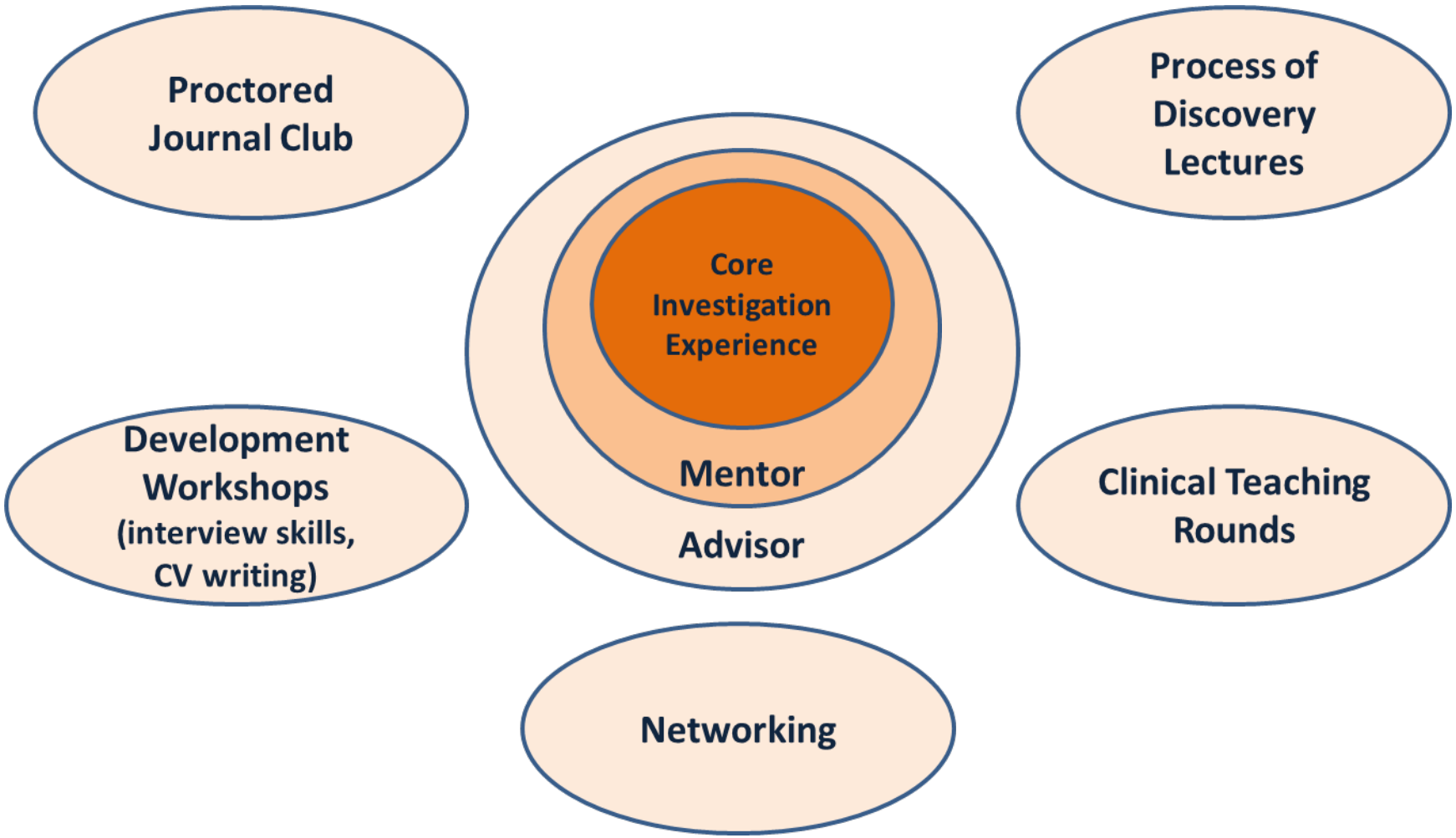
PROGRAM ELEMENTS



ADVISOR AND MENTOR

- Advisor
  - Oversees the Scholar's training
  - Helps to identify a research Mentor
  - Offers guidance and career counseling

- Research mentors
  - Identified by Scholar prior to arrival
  - Oversees research project
  - More than 350 select NIH mentors

DIDACTIC CURRICULUM

- Lecture presentations highlighting the continuum of scientific discovery
- Training in the understanding of clinical protocol development and the conduct of human subjects research
- Journal Club presentations by the Scholars
- Focused clinical teaching rounds with patients participating in research protocols at the NIH Clinical Center

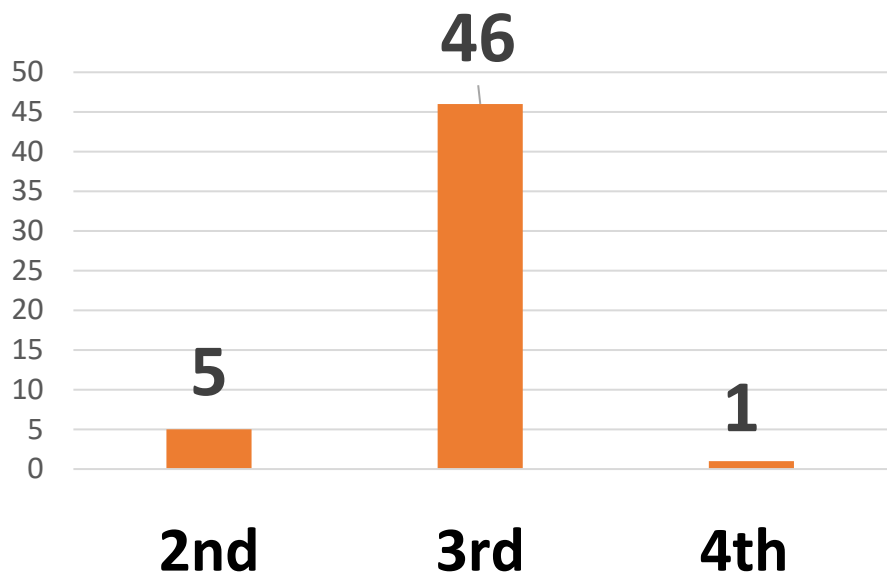
’23-’24 CLASS PROFILE

Class size
- 52 Scholars

Gender
- 29 women (56%)
- 23 men (44%)

Diversity
- URM 17%

Class Year Distribution



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SCHOOL REPRESENTATION

Albany Medical College
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Baylor College of Medicine
Boston University School of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western University
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Drexel University College of Medicine
Duke University School of Medicine
Eastern Virginia Medical School
FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Florida State University College of Medicine
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine
Pennsylvania State College of Medicine
Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine
Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University
Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Saint Louis University School of Medicine
San Juan Bautista School of Medicine
University of California, Davis School of Medicine
University of California, San Diego School of Medicine
University of Central Florida College of Medicine
University of Kentucky College of Medicine
University of Maryland School of Medicine
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
University of Missouri - Columbia School of Medicine
University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Medicine
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine
University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville
University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School
University of Texas at Houston - McGovern Medical School
Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine
West Virginia University School of Med

Administrative Topics and Application Process

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MRSP Program Administrators

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Lead Management Analyst

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PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Annual stipend (~$50,400) distributed in monthly payments
  - Stipend is prorated should you commit to a 10 or 11 month timeframe
- Relocation expenses for arrival to NIH and return to your home institution
- Educational Fund
  - Scientific courses via the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences
  - Domestic conference travel
  - Textbooks related to research project
- Health insurance – supplemental to the stipend

PROGRAM HOUSING

- Limited furnished apartment-style housing offered by NIH on the Bethesda Campus

- Personally selected off campus housing within the local D.C., Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area or other NIH campus locations, i.e. North Carolina and Montana
  - Remote work is not permitted in areas outside of NIH established locations in which you are conducting your research

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Date	Event
October 1st	Application Opened
January 5th, 5PM ET	Application and References Deadline (applications must be complete)
Mid February	Notification of Selection for Interview
March 5th and 6th	MRSP Interviews (virtual)
March 15th	Notification of Selection to Participate
March 22nd	Uniform Deadline to Accept Offer (MRSP, Sarnoff, others)
April 19th	Pre-Arrival Visit for 2024-2025 Scholars
July	Scholars arrive at NIH to begin their year (several arrival dates offered to accommodate home school schedules)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Medical students participate after 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year
- Dental and veterinary students generally participate after 2nd or 4th year, due to integrated nature of clinical years
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- Good standing in medical, dental, or veterinary school
- Must attend an LCME accredited medical, CODA accredited dental, AOA accredited osteopathic, or AVMA accredited veterinary institution

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Approval from Dean or Associate Dean
- Applicants in their 4th year who are selected must make arrangements with their school to defer graduation until completion of MRSP
- 4th year students participating in the National Residency Matching Program during the application cycle are *ineligible*
- Candidates currently enrolled in PhD or MD/PhD programs are *ineligible*

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Online Application (https://ocrtmeapps.cc.nih.gov/mrsp/)
  - Cover letter/personal statement
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Three letters of recommendation
    - Dean or Associate Dean
    - Two professional references
- **Unofficial** transcript from medical/ dental/ veterinary school
- **Unofficial** transcript from undergraduate institution

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TIPS

- Strong personal statement articulating why you want to participate in the MRSP, including past experiences (personal, clinical, research) that led to this decision, and future career plans
- Prior research experience is desirable but not required
- Dean's letter: not just "in good standing," but insightful comments on your past achievements and future promise
- Your two professional references are from people who can speak to your attributes and research potential

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Question and Answer

To see additional information about MRSP, or to apply please visit https://www.cc.nih.gov/training/mrsp/index.html

Please email inquiries about MRSP to mrsp@nih.gov