

VCU Undergraduate Summer Research Opportunities

VCU HEALTH CAREERS PIPELINE

Virginia Commonwealth University offers three summer programs for undergraduate students interested in the health professions. Each of these programs offers ten paid weeks of research, regularly scheduled research and career development seminars, and opportunities to interact with current VCU faculty and graduate students. Please see below for specific program information.

STEP-UP Program

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease's (NIDDK's) STEP-UP Program provides undergraduate students an opportunity to work with VCU faculty on research projects in the areas of diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism, nutrition, obesity, digestive, liver, urologic, kidney, and/or hematologic diseases. Students from racial and ethnic minority or disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Visit the website at <http://stepup.niddk.nih.gov/ug.htm> for more information.



HERO Program

This National Institute of Heart, Lung, and Blood (NHLBI) sponsored program provides research for undergraduate students, and first year medical and dental students. Students have the opportunity to work with VCU faculty on research projects in areas in diseases of the heart, blood vessels, lung, and blood; blood resources; and sleep disorders. Students from racial and ethnic minorities or disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Health Educational Research Opportunities
(HERO)

Health Disparities Research Experience

Approximately 2 undergraduate students will be accepted to the 10-week the research program, which runs from June to August. The students will work with a faculty member on an independent research project related to improving birth outcomes for African-American women. The overall goal of the program is to increase the number of health professionals from underrepresented and disadvantaged groups.

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For information on how to apply for Summer 2010 contact
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(Please note: website is under construction and will be up beginning of November!)