Application Process

The deadline for completed 2022 SRTP Application, as well as supporting materials, is 5:00 pm on Monday, January 24, 2022.

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 attended; both are required due to operations protocol
  - Official transcripts must be sent electronically or received by our office at least one day before the deadline. Both are required due to operations protocol.
- 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: AAMC, NIH and National Science Foundation*
CDI founded the Summer Research Trainee Program (SRTP) in 1992 to inspire UiM students to consider careers in academic medicine and biomedical research. Since SRTP was founded, more than 330 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, from June 6, 2022 to July 29, 2022, although the program is intended to be on site, we will follow MGH policy which may require a hybrid or remote 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.

Eligibility
SRTP is open to students who meet the following criteria:
• Underrepresented in medicine (UiM)*
• Undergraduate rising senior or senior, rising 1st year medical student, or 1st year medical student, graduate school student, or post-baccalaureate 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

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.