Application Process

The deadline for completed 2021 SRTP Application, as well as supporting materials is 5:00 pm on Friday, February 5, 2021.

A complete application must include:

Part I: SRTP Application

You must upload the following items with this application:

- Personal Statement
- Supplemental Essay Question
- Resume
- Professional Photo

Part II: Supporting Documents

- Two Letters of Recommendation written specify for the program
- All of the official transcripts depending of your status college, graduate, and/or medical school
- Medical students must submit a medical school transcript or a Letter of Good Standing.

Transcripts will only be accepted electronically. Due to the pandemic, we are not currently able to accept documents submitted via mail.

*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

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2021 Summer Research Trainee Program

CDI founded the Summer Research Trainee Program (SRTP) in 1992 to inspire URiM 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. From June to August 2017, 20 college and medical school students came to Mass General to conduct novel research with MGH faculty preceptors in basic science labs, clinical research sites, health policy and health services settings in 13 departments. Assignments were carefully considered and made with each student’s research and career interests in mind. Students were exposed to group mentorship, career workshops, research seminars, and networking and social events with the CDI community. The program culminated with presentations to the MGH research community, where students received feedback and evaluations from a panel of research faculty. Each year, several students continue working in their SRTP research sites beyond the summer and publish their work. Participants have stated that the program added tangible value to their subsequent training and career decision making, including a marked impact on their decision to pursue careers in an academic medical setting.

Program Terms

2021 SRTP applications will open on Monday, December 7, 2020. We will inform you of our selection decisions tentatively by Thursday, February 18, 2021.

SRTP is a mandatory eight-week program, running from June 2021 to August 2021.

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 a full day orientation on the first date of the program.
• Prepare an abstract of the research project
• 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 all didactic sessions

(The details above will be determined and constrained by the MGH policies established due to the COVID 19 pandemic)

Mentorship

• Research mentorship by prominent MGH investigators and their research teams
• Career coaching and guidance by CDI staff and leaders in academic
• Weekly didactic sessions
• Social and career networking opportunities with SRTP cohort, and MGH trainees and faculty.

Eligibility

SRTP is open to students who meet the following criteria:

• Underrepresented in medicine (URiM)*
• Undergraduate rising senior or senior, rising 1st year medical student, or 1st year medical student, graduate school student, or post-baccalaureate student
• US citizens or permanent residents
• If accepted, proof of health insurance will be required

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2019 SRTP Student during the Final Presentation

“...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, 2001 SRTP participant, 2013 Physician Scientist Development Award recipient