Biomedical Research Internship for Minority Students (BRIMS) Program

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The BRIMS program offers an outstanding science training opportunity for Cincinnati area graduating high school seniors and college freshmen. The program is designed to involve minority students traditionally underrepresented in biomedical careers in cutting-edge scientific research conducted in an academic medical center to stimulate their interest in pursuing biomedical research careers.

Program Details
This nine-week program from June 2 to July 31, 2020 offers a chance to learn, explore, and gain hands-on experience in a Children’s Hospital Medical Center research laboratory environment for up to 15 minority students each summer. Each BRIMS intern will be paired with a research mentor to pursue a 9-week paid full-time basic science, community based, or clinical biomedical research project during the summer. All interns will give a 5-minute Powerpoint presentation of their research project to the group and are expected to design and present a poster at the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Capstone poster competition at the end of the program. In addition to participating in career development and scientific programming, BRIMS interns will have weekly networking luncheons and shadowing opportunities with minority faculty in several hospital specialties. This program is open to high achieving graduating high school seniors and college freshmen from the Cincinnati tri-state area only. Participants will be paid minimum wage.

Selection Criteria
This program is highly competitive. Students must be an identified minority underrepresented in biomedical science careers: African American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander or American Indian.

This program targets high achieving students as they graduate from high school or finish the first year of college and have taken multiple science courses. A formula using high school class rank, GPA, ACT or SAT scores (if available), number of science classes taken, leadership in extracurricular activities and recommendations is used to narrow the applications to 18-20 finalists. From those, the top students will be matched with mentors based on their personal essays and interviews. All applicants must submit a one-page personal essay describing their career goals and what kind of research they are interested in doing at CCHMC. Dr. Bachurski will help to place the BRIMS scholars with an appropriate research mentor.

Applications are considered complete upon receipt of the following information:
1. Complete online Application form plus upload your resume containing your extracurricular activities and leadership positions held, high school and, if applicable, first semester college transcripts and essay.

2. Two (2) letters of recommendation should be mailed in sealed envelopes or emailed directly by your references to: Lisa Higgins, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, 3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 4000, Cincinnati, OH, 45229 or Lisa.Higgins@cchmc.org
   At least one letter of recommendation should be from a science teacher or scientist.

The application process is ONLINE. Access the application from the website:
https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/high-school/biomedical-research-internship-minority

All application materials must be uploaded by March 9, 2020

Problems the website, contact: Lisa Higgins at (513)
Questions about the program: call Dr. Bachurski at (513) 636-8918 or email: Cindy.Bachurski@cchmc.org or Lisa.Higgins@cchmc.org
CINCINNATI CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER
Biomedical Research Internship for Minority Students
(BRIMS) Program Application Information
June 2 – July 31, 2020

STUDENT INFORMATION (needed for the online application):

HIGH SCHOOL: ____________________________

Full Name: ____________________________

Home Address: ____________________________

Date of Birth: ________________

Email address: ____________________________

HOME PHONE: ________________

CELL PHONE: ____________________________

In Case of Emergency Contact: ____________________________

Name of College/University you plan to/attend: ____________________________

College Major: ____________________________

Race: Black or African American

American Indian/Alaskan

Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander

White

Ethnicity: Hispanic

Non-Hispanic

Other (please specify)

Gender: Female

Male

Other

Please have your references send the following directly to the address below:

- Two letters of reference evaluating student’s scientific potential, maturity, and responsibility

Please upload the following to the online application that can be accessed from the website:
https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/high-school/biomedical-research-internship-minority

- Academic record (official transcript high school transcript, GPA, and class rank through Fall semester 2019, if already in college, submit your final HS transcript plus your fall semester grades).
- Standard test scores (SAT and/or ACT preferred).
- Resume with extracurricular activities, community service, leadership, and employment history
- Student essay: a one-page essay on your career goals and your motivation for wanting to obtain research experience through this program. Include your research interest (basic science, clinical, or translational, and specialty, if known).

**Parent/Guardian Permission online signature is required for consideration of high school seniors who are minors when the program starts.**

All BRIMS students MUST attend orientation on June 2, 2020 and agree to abide by all rules/policies and procedures explained during Orientation.

Only Online applications will be accepted.

**Reference letters must be submitted to:** Lisa Higgins, Children’s Hospital Medical Center, MLC 4000, 3333 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229 or Lisa.Higgins@cchmc.org

**TO BE CONSIDERED, COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**

**March 9, 2020.** Questions – call Cindy Bachurski at (513) 636-8918