

To our faculty and students:

We will once again have our UCR School of Medicine Summer Externship Research Program for our First Year medical students (MS1), in the Summer between their first and second year of instruction. The program offers a stipend of \$2000 given directly to students accepted into the program; it does not pay for research supplies, travel, or other expenses. Note also that the students are expected to work on the project during available time between the last day of the first year of instruction and the start of the second year of instruction. Any other arrangements are between you and the student, though we do want to be sure that the student is prepared to begin the second year medical school curriculum. Funds are limited, but we may be able to sponsor up to 20 research externships on campus.

As before, we are requesting research project ideas from faculty by February 22, so we can present these to the medical students late in the Winter quarter. Students interested in a specific project will be responsible for contacting the faculty mentor and letting us know early so that all applications with a match between a faculty project and student can be considered together. Proposals from students and faculty will be evaluated by a committee of SOM faculty who will be assessing the projects' suitability as medically-related summer research projects; note that they may include population health topics and medically-related social science topics, in addition to conventional biomedical lab research. Students are also encouraged to contact you early in case they can induce you to propose a project.

At the beginning of the Summer Research program, we will also have a half-day informative workshop for the students to introduce them to the basics of lab research, and how they might get the most out of the experience.

If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and return to Marisela Martinez (Marisela.martinez@medsch.ucr.edu) by **February 22, 2018**. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks for supporting the research interests of our medical students!

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