

## **MEDICAL STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. **PROPOSALS**: The research projects submitted for this summer are described in this booklet. After you have selected a project of interest, contact the sponsor in person or by telephone.
  - **It is your responsibility to contact the project sponsor, arrange an interview time, and obtain his or her approval for your participation. You will also need to get the sponsor's signature on the application form located on page iii of this booklet.**
  - Faculty contact for the Summer Research Program:

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- **The deadline for receipt of completed applications is May 1, 2009**
2. **ELIGIBILITY**: Incoming medical students and rising sophomore medical students in good academic standing are eligible for this program.
  3. **SUMMER SCHEDULE**: The official starting date is June 1, 2009 and culminates on Student Research Day. Deviation from this schedule will require permission by the Student Research Committee. The summer program officially ends on Student Research Day scheduled on July 31, 2009.
  4. **STIPEND**: Each student will receive a total of \$2,500\* in stipends/wages. These stipends/wages will be distributed in three equal payments each month during the program. All stipends/wages must be reported to the IRS. Stipends/wages are subject to taxation according to IRS guidelines. It is the student's responsibility to schedule interviews with the faculty sponsor(s) regarding selection of the research project. Students who do not complete the entire summer program, including attendance at Student Research Day and weekly seminars, will not receive their final checks and will be required to repay the stipends/wages already received. Incoming students who do not matriculate at USA College of Medicine will be required to repay stipends/wages.

\* A maximum up to three students may be selected to receive fellowships from the American Heart Association with a \$3,600 stipend as mandated by a grant award. The applicants for these awards will be selected from the list of projects listed with an asterisk. These students must complete a fellowship questionnaire located on page v of this booklet.

5. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**: Contact Ms. Natalie Kent at (251)461-1548, FAX (251) 460-6073 or email at [nkent@usouthal.edu](mailto:nkent@usouthal.edu)