Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine
Medical Student Summer Research Program 2023
MENTOR FACT SHEET
May 31, 2023 - July 21, 2023

- The Summer Research Program is an 8-week program (May 31 through July 21, 2023) that pairs medical students with faculty mentors.

- Medical Students are expected to devote full time to the research project. **Thus, research proposals should be designed to require the student's effort for 30 to 40 hrs per week for the 8-week duration of the program.** Short absences during the program (e.g. mission trip) should be agreed upon between the faculty sponsor/mentor and the student, and reported to Robert Barrington (Summer Medical Student Research Committee Chair, rbarrington@southalabama.edu) and to Skye Andrade (Program Coordinator, at skyeandrade@southalabama.edu). Please note that it is the mentor's responsibility to ensure the student researcher adheres to attendance rules and that the student's stipend is pro-rated for days that the student is absent.

- The **Dean's office will sponsor a stipend** ($2,500, paid directly to the student) **for only one student per project** for each faculty mentor. A faculty mentor may submit more than one proposal, provided the research projects are clearly distinct. If you wish to submit more than one proposal, please contact Robert Barrington, rbarrington@southalabama.edu prior to submission. Importantly, stipends do not cover any research or presentation supplies.

- For all projects, the cost of all research lab supplies is the responsibility of the mentor's lab/department.

- **Mandatory student orientation: May 31, 2023; 9:00 am-10:00 am**

- **Medical students participating in the Summer Research Program must complete online training courses and attend all student presentations from 9:00 am - 11:00 am, starting on Friday, June 9th.**

- **At the end of the program, each student will present her/his findings either in a short talk or as a poster on Research Day: July 21, 2023; 8:30 am- 2:00 pm. Faculty mentors are strongly encouraged to attend Research Day.**

- Each PI is expected to assist the medical student with preparation of an abstract and presentation for Research Day. Students will receive more information in early July regarding submission of the abstract and instructions for posters or oral presentations.

- The cost of preparing research project presentations (i.e. poster printing) is also the responsibility of the mentor's lab/department.

- Medical student participants will be oriented on biosafety guidelines and lab dress code guidelines. Dusty Layton (dlayton@southalabama.edu) is our contact for compliance concerns.

- Medical students needing access to health system databases should let Skye Andrade know and we will forward this request to the appropriate person(s).

- In past years we have noted that students exhibit a preference for clinical/translational over basic science topics when choosing their summer project. Thus, **basic science faculty are encouraged to emphasize the translational potential of their proposals, or to team-up with clinical faculty on joint proposals.**

- **Thank you for your support of the 50th Summer Medical Student Research Program.**