

**Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine**  
**Medical Student Summer Research Program 2023**  
**STUDENT 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 themselves full time (or 30 to 40/hr per week) to the research project** 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 before the start of the program (best during the interview), and reported to Robert Barrington (Summer Medical Student Research Committee Chair, [rbarrington@southalabama.edu](mailto:rbarrington@southalabama.edu)) and to Skye Andrade (Program Coordinator, at [skyeandrade@southalabama.edu](mailto:skyeandrade@southalabama.edu)). Please note that absences will also result in a reduction of the pro-rated stipend (see below).**
- **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.** Absences should be cleared with beforehand. Email Robert Barrington ([rbarrington@southalabama.edu](mailto:rbarrington@southalabama.edu)) or Skye Andrade ([skyeandrade@southalabama.edu](mailto:skyeandrade@southalabama.edu)).
- **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**
- For all projects, the cost of all research lab supplies is the responsibility of the mentor's lab/department.
- 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.
- **The Dean's office will sponsor a stipend of \$2,500** (paid directly to the student). Stipends are NOT intended to cover any research or presentation supplies. **Please note that absences during the program (e.g. mission trip) from research activities or presentations will result in a reduction of the pro-rated stipend.** Starting the research project early, the week before May 31st, provided the mentor/sponsor agreeable to this arrangement), is the only "make-up" opportunity for time absent. Stipends are paid as scholarships and are not taxable (no W2). Stipends are paid in three installments. **The final installment of the stipend is subject to the medical student's commitment to their research project, attendance, participation in research day, and completion of the post evaluation survey.**
- Medical student participants will be given biosafety guidelines, lab dress code guidelines, any Covid protocol guidelines and hospital/clinic safety information. Dusty Layton ([dlayton@southalabama.edu](mailto: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).**
- **Thank you for your participation in the 50<sup>th</sup> Summer Medical Student Research Program.**