



Health Services Research Center

Application for Summer Scholar Research Program 2025

The Health Services Research Center is **accepting applications from high school, college and medical students for a 6-week mentored summer scholar research program** in health services research beginning in June 2025 (June 9 – July 18, 2025). This program will **admit up to ten scholars** following a competitive selection process.

The primary goal of this program is to expose students to medical research, specifically health services research, while also providing opportunities for them to explore their interests in health-related careers. Scholars will be paired with a mentor to work on an individual or group research project. At the end of the 6-week program, **scholars will present their research findings at a mini symposium**. In addition to their research project, **scholars will attend seminars and networking events** to learn more about their career interests and options.

What is Health Services Research?

Health services research is a multidisciplinary field of scientific investigation that examines how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies, and personal behaviors influence access to healthcare, the quality and cost of care, and ultimately our health and well-being. Its research domains include individuals, families, organizations, institutions, communities and populations.

Who Can Apply?

- Students must be 16 years or older on June 1 of the program year. Students 18 years or younger will need a parent or guardian's approval.
- Students must be in good academic standing (typically 3.0 or higher GPA) and have an interest in health-related careers and research.
- First-generation college students and those with limited access to medical research at their current institutions are encouraged to apply.
- High school and college students in their junior or senior year during the next school year, as well as the first year of medical school, will be given preference.

How to Apply?

To apply for this program, please complete the [online application form](#) which includes:

1. Name and contact information
2. Interest in program questions
3. School transcript – Unofficial transcripts such as electronic student copy accepted
4. Letter of Recommendation(s)

- a. High school applicants are only required to provide **one** letter of recommendation from either a guidance counselor or a science teacher.
 - b. College and medical school students are required to provide **two** letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) faculty member.
5. Current Curriculum Vitae (college and medical students only)

Application Deadline

Applications and supporting documents should be completed by **Friday, May 2, 2025** (11:59 pm).

Program Expectations

- Scholars will be paired with a mentor to work on an individual or group research project. The project will vary based on the mentor assigned.
- Active, engaged learning and participation in activities provided by the mentor.
- Attend all virtual and in-person seminars and networking events.
- Present research findings at a mini symposium on the last day of the program.

Stipend & Certificate of Participation

Students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Participation and stipend. High school students will receive a \$1,500 stipend, and college and medical students will receive \$2,500. **Students are required to attend all seminars and complete the final presentations by July 18, 2025 to receive the stipend and certificate.** The program is unable to assist students with travel or housing arrangements if needed.

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