



## The Tisch Cancer Institute Medical Student Research Fellowship

**Application Deadline: March 15, 2018**

Applications are being accepted for the newly inaugurated Tisch Cancer Research Student Fellowships. Each fellowship provides a **\$5,500** stipend to the student to support the proposed research which should include (but may extend beyond) full time effort of at least 8-10 weeks during the summer. The program is designed to encourage first year medical students who have not yet had extensive research experience, and therefore **MD/PhD students are not eligible**. Two to three fellowships are expected to be awarded.

The fellowship provides summer support for original cancer research in clinical, translational, basic, epidemiological or health services disciplines. This fellowship is intended to lay the foundation for a future career in cancer research. Successful applicants will have identified a mentor with whom s/he is expected to form a close working relationship that we hope will extend beyond the summer research project, ideally culminating in a year-long scholarly research year between the student's third and fourth years of medical school. The student's potential for a research career, including pursuit of an extended research project, as well as the mentor's enthusiasm to support the student in such an endeavor, are important components of the application. The mentor's training track record will also be a major consideration for the committee.

The application involves:

1. A 2-3 page written proposal of the research project (single space, Arial 11 font, one inch margins), written by the applicant. Proposal should include the following sections: (1) background/significance, (2) research question and hypothesis and (3) proposed methodology. Include the bibliography within the page limit.
2. If required for the project, proof of IRB or IACUC approval or submission for approval.

3. The student's CV.
4. A letter of support from the mentor/research supervisor indicating his/her commitment of time and evaluation of the student's research potential and the proposed project, including the potential to pursue a larger project during a scholarly year. **Include a specific section regarding former trainees.**
5. The mentor/research supervisor's biographical sketch (3-4 pages). Do NOT send the mentor's complete CV.

This fellowship will follow all the usual guidelines for IMSSM summer research projects, including abstract submission following the summer and poster/oral presentation at student research day in 2019. Awards will be announced by April 15, 2018.

Please submit your application electronically to: [medicalstudentresearch@mssm.edu](mailto:medicalstudentresearch@mssm.edu) with a subject line *Completed Tisch Cancer Research Fellowship application*. Be sure to include your name and e-mail address at the top of the document.