

BASSER CENTER FOR BRCA



2022 Underrepresented Minority (URM) Summer Internship

The [Basser Center for BRCA](#) at the Abramson Cancer Center, University of Pennsylvania, has established an eight-week summer internship program in genetics for four underrepresented minority students. The term “underrepresented in medicine” means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population. Students between the ages of 18-22 who are enrolled in an undergraduate program are eligible to apply. Interns will be paid a \$5,000 stipend to cover expenses such as housing and transportation. Students with an interest in careers in genetic counseling or related basic laboratory research in the genetics of cancer will be considered for these positions. The goal of the program is to expand the pipeline and encourage students from underrepresented communities who would like to pursue a career in genetic counseling, clinical genetics, and basic science. The internship will be on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, from June 13, 2022 to August 5, 2022 and will consist of exposure to research in the following areas related to cancer genetics:

- DNA damage repair basic science research
- Ovarian cancer research
- Clinically oriented cancer genetics and genomics research

There will be a one to two week orientation component followed by a six week experiential component in one of the areas described above. Students will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of faculty members to gain exposure to various career paths in basic science and clinical/translational medicine. The internship will culminate in a presentation by each intern on a topic of their choice.

The application form can be found below. Applications are due by February 25, 2022 and applicants will be notified by March 31, 2022. Please contact Beth Stearman, Administrative Director (stearman@penmedicine.upenn.edu) if you have questions.

**2022 Underrepresented Minority (URM) Summer Internship
Program Application**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Race/Ethnicity _____

- White
- Black, African American, African
- Hispanic/Latino
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian including Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese or other Asian
- Native Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan or other Pacific Islander

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college? Y N

Tell us about your current academic status:

Institution Name _____

Institution City _____

Current academic year end date _____

Major _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Overall GPA _____

List of applicable courses-biology, statistics, etc.

Personal Statement (no more than 2 pages) including:

- Why do you want to participate in the Basser internship?
- How do you anticipate Basser internship contributing to your career path?
- Why should you be chosen to participate in Basser internship?
- What aspects of genetic research or counseling interest you?
- Describe research positions you have held if any (no prior research experience is required)

Please indicate an area of interest in one of the following sections with 1 as your first choice, 2 and your second choice and 3 as your last choice (*Final assignment will be based on availability*):

- DNA damage repair basic science research
- Ovarian cancer research
- Cancer genetics and genomics research

How did you hear about the Basser Center internship?

- Friend
- Penn Faculty/staff
- Career Services Office
- Student/Campus Organization
- Basser Center Website
- Handshake
- Other _____

Please combine the following required documents, along with this application form, into one PDF:

- Personal statement (500 word maximum)
- Resume
- Transcript

In addition, two letters of recommendation are required:

The two letters of recommendation should address something important about the applicant, including a description of academic and personal characteristics, especially related to scientific aptitude. The recommender should send the letter as an email attachment directly to Beth Stearman (stearman@penmedicine.upenn.edu) with the applicant name and "Summer 2022 Internship" in the subject line.

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