

BASSER CENTER FOR BRCA



2023 Basser Summer Scholars Internship

The [Basser Center for BRCA](#) at the Abramson Cancer Center, University of Pennsylvania, has established an eight-week Summer Scholars program to expand the pipeline of underrepresented candidates pursuing a career in genetic counseling, clinical genetics, and basic science related to cancer genetics. We are particularly interested in applicants from a racial/ethnic group that is underrepresented in medicine, from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and/or who are the first generation in their family to attend college. The program is open to persons of all races and/or ethnicities. Students who are enrolled in an undergraduate program (through rising seniors) are eligible to apply. Interns will be paid \$23.44 per hour (subject to taxes). Interns are responsible for expenses such as housing and transportation. The goal of the program is to expand the pipeline and encourage students from underrepresented communities who are considering careers in genetic counseling, clinical genetics, and or related basic laboratory research in the field of cancer genetics will be considered for these positions. The internship will be held on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, from June 12 to August 4, 2023, 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-week orientation component followed by a seven weeks in one of the laboratory/clinical research areas described above. Students will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of faculty and staff 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 1, 2023, and applicants will be notified by March 15, 2023. Please contact Beth Stearman, Administrative Director (stearman@pennteam.upenn.edu) if you have questions.

**2023 Basser Summer Scholars 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? Include information on how you would contribute to our cohort.
- What aspects of genetic research or counseling interest you?
- Describe any research positions you may have held (no prior research experience is required)

Please use the drop-down to 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*):

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

How did you hear about the Basser Center internship? (check all that apply)

- 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. Separate documents will not be accepted.

- Personal statement (2 page 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@penntest.com) with the applicant name and "Summer 2023 Internship" in the subject line.

Applications are due by February 1, 2023, **via email** to Beth Stearman, Administrative Director (stearman@penntest.com). Please include your name and "Summer 2023 Internship" in the subject line. **Do not apply through Handshake.**