



2024 Basser Summer Scholars Internship

The [Basser Center for BRCA](#) at the Abramson Cancer Center, University of Pennsylvania, has established an eight-week summer internship program in genetics to expand the pipeline of underrepresented candidates pursuing a career in genetic counseling, clinical genetics, and basic science. Applicants must be undergraduate from disadvantaged backgrounds and/or first generation low income students. Students through rising seniors who are enrolled in an undergraduate program are eligible to apply. Interns will be paid an hourly wage of \$23.44 subject to taxes. Interns are responsible for 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 17, 2024 to August 9, 2024 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-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 2, 2024, and applicants will be notified by March 15, 2024. Please contact Beth Stearman, Administrative Director (stearman@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) if you have questions.

**2024 Basser Summer Scholars Internship
Program Application**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Gender

☐

Male

☐

Female

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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 _____
- 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 any research positions you may have held (no prior research experience is required)

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 attachment to an email directly to Beth Stearman (stearman@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) with the applicant name and “Summer 2024 Internship” in the subject line.

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