MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH

AT A GLANCE (CHICAGO CAMPUS, AY25-26)

COMMITMENT
The University of Illinois College of Medicine is devoted to providing a comprehensive student scholarly experience encompassing the breadth & depth of biomedical research pursuits in modern academic medicine.

OPPORTUNITY
Our students engage with faculty mentors who conduct innovative, cutting-edge research in basic biomedical science & translate fundamental findings into clinical practice & societal health across all University of Illinois College of Medicine campuses & medical specialties.

ACHIEVEMENT
Research & discovery participation affords our students with critical analytical, communication, & problem-solving skills; offers scientific education and enrichment; enhances residency candidacy & competitiveness; & cultivates career success & maturation into physician scientists.

College of Medicine supported programs

- Craig Scholars Program, **21 M1 students**
- Dean's Summer Research Scholars in Basic/translational Science, **6 M1 students**
- James Scholars Program, **68 M2-M4 students**

Investigator, departmental, & center directed programs

- T35 Sort-term Research Training Program, **15 M1 students**
- Other research opportunities: Urban Health Program summer research (**10 students**), Hispanic Center of Excellence (**5 students**), Pediatrics Summer Scholars Program (**3 students**), Department of Family & Community Medicine (**3 students**)

AY25-26 highlights

131 students participated in structured research programs

$50K in research stipend support for medical students

$60K in sponsored travel for scientific meeting presentation for 48 students

220 medical student research posters at College of Medicine Research Forum

115 medical students participated in credit bearing research electives

Resources

- **Director of Student Research Programs** Supports the development & conduct of medical student research at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine
- **Scientific Conference Travel Award** Provides medical students with financial support to present the results of research & discovery related activities at national scientific conferences
- **College of Medicine Research Forum** Annual symposium for students to present research abstracts & posters, organized by the office of the Senior Associate Dean for Research

New programming

- **Medical Student Research Toolkit** Provides students with resources to advance research core competencies across various research phases
- **Searchable Research Project Archive** A searchable database of research projects done by medical students at the University of Illinois College of Medicine
- **Searchable IRB Database** A searchable database of active, IRB approved research projects ongoing at the University of Illinois College of Medicine

Joint Degrees*

- **MD/MPH 65** students
- **MD/MS-CTS 4** students
- **MD/MS-BIOE 2** students

*excluding MD/PhD

MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

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