NIH Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP)
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- A comprehensive, year-long residential research enrichment program for medical, dental, and veterinary students
- Located on the NIH Intramural Research campus in Bethesda, MD
- Co-sponsored by the NIH and private partners via contributions to the Foundation for the NIH
- Scholars are engaged in a mentored basic, translational, or clinical research project in an area that matches their personal interests and career/research goals
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program Curriculum

- Presentations highlighting the continuum of scientific discovery, bioethics, science policy, and emerging technologies
- Training in the understanding of clinical protocol development and the conduct of human subjects research
- Focused clinical teaching rounds lead by principal investigators with patients participating in research protocols at the NIH Clinical Center
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Eligibility Criteria

- Ideally for students who have completed their initial clinical rotations
- Does not exclude students with strong research interests from applying prior to taking any or after completing all of their clinical rotations (2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, and 4\textsuperscript{th} year students)
- Dental and veterinary students are encouraged to participate after either their second or fourth year.
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Eligibility Criteria

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled in one of the following:
  - a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education
  - a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation
  - an osteopathic school accredited by the American Osteopathic Association
  - a veterinary medical college located in the United States, U.S. Commonwealth territories, or Canada accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Eligibility Criteria

- Approval from Dean of Student Affairs to participate
- Good standing in medical, dental, or veterinary school
- Prior research experience is desirable but not required
- Applicants in their 4th year who are selected must make arrangements with their school to defer graduation until completion of MRSP
- 4th year applicants may not simultaneously participate in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP)
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Benefits

- 12-month stipend (currently $35,450)
- Relocation expenses to and from Bethesda
- Residential housing on or proximal to NIH campus
- Domestic conference travel expenses
- Health insurance
- Tuition support for scientific courses and textbooks
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Application Process

- Applicants apply on-line. Application consists of:
  - Cover letter/personal statement
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Three letters of recommendation
  - Transcript from medical/ dental/ veterinary school
  - Transcript from undergraduate institution
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: After Acceptance

Scholars are assigned an Advisor, who oversees the Scholar's training, helps to identify a research Mentor, and offers guidance throughout his/her tenure in the program.

Research mentors can be selected before arrival in Bethesda or shortly thereafter. There are greater than 350 pre-approved MRSP Mentors in 27 different NIH institutes to choose from.
MRSP Class of 2015-2016
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Housing

Building 60 on the NIH Campus
NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: Housing (con’t)

- MRSP scholars are required to live in the assigned residential facility for the entire 12-month period
- Final housing assignments are based on indicated preferences and a lottery system
- No pets allowed
### 2016-2017 NIH Medical Research Scholars Program Timetable

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NIH Medical Research Scholars Program: General Tips for a Successful Application

- Strong personal statement articulating why you want to participate in the MRSP, including past experiences that led to this decision, and future career plans

- Research experience helpful but not essential for acceptance into program

- The three best letters of recommendation possible
More Information

To find out more about the NIH Medical Research Scholars Program, and to apply, visit the NIH Office of Clinical Research Training and Medical Education website at:

http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/mrsp/index.html

or contact a MRSP Administrator at mrsp@nih.gov
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