

Summer Research & Medical Enrichment Program

Program Description



The Summer Research and Medical Enrichment Program is offered by the Office of International Medicine Programs (IMP) at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS). This 5-week summer program provides access to medical and research enrichment opportunities at GW University for talented international students in health sciences who are motivated to pursue graduate medical education and training in the United States.

Learning Objectives

Through this program, participants will have the opportunity to achieve the following learning objectives:

- Gain exposure to resources and experts at an internationally recognized institution
- Obtain hands-on research experience by conducting a systematic review of a health research topic under the guidance of GW faculty
- Gain skills in research processes, creation of scientific research posters, and presentation of research projects through participation in a research symposium
- Observe ongoing biomedical research in state-of-the-art laboratories
- Gain first-hand knowledge of American medical education, research, and healthcare systems
- Enhance the credentials of those students who are motivated to pursue graduate medical education and training in the United States
- Advisement and counseling for postgraduate training and networking with professional contacts for future educational and professional endeavors

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- Develop strong cross-cultural skills and improve English language skills
- Participate in the GW and Washington, D.C. community through service, enrichment, and social events
- Letter of completion from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Curriculum

The curriculum consists of courses, workshops, and activities including:

- **Research:** Research Workshops, Group Research Project, Scientific Manuscript Writing Workshop, Lab Tours, Translational Research Lecture, End-of-the-Summer Research Symposium
- **Medical Enrichment:** Hospital Observations, Clinical Learning and Simulation Skills, Medical Library Resources Workshop, Morbidity & Mortality Conference, Grand Rounds, Clinical Case Presentations to faculty panel
- **Professional Development:** Career Guidance & U.S. Medical Education Workshop, Academic Writing and Presentation Skills Workshops, Community Service, CV & Personal Statement Writing Workshop

Application Process and Selection Criteria

Interested and qualified students must submit the following documents to IMP (impinfo@gwu.edu) by May 1st of each year in order to be considered for admission:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of Passport
- Dean's Letter of Good Standing
- One Letter of Recommendation (*from a faculty member*)
- Medical School Transcripts
- One-page personal statement (*12-point font, single-spaced describing the applicant's research interests and experience, clinical interests and experience, professional objectives, and goals and expectations for this program.*)



Acceptance is based on applicant's qualifications. Applicants should apply as soon as possible as space is limited.