SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ... WHERE TO BEGIN...

General
Google searches are one of the best sources. Some thoughts include
◇ Medical student externship
◇ Summer research
◇ Summer fellowship
◇ Minority medical student
◇ Professional associations (e.g. American Medical Student Association, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians)
◇ Specialties (e.g. Pediatric Oncology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine)
◇ Interests (e.g. addiction treatment, global health)
◇ NIH, public health departments, etc.

International – here are just a few of many opportunities
◇ Aid to Ecuador – Bienestar: Medical Students Against Health Disparities is a summer program available to first year students interested in volunteering overseas in a clinical medical environment in Banos, Ecuador. Students can find information at: http://bienestarecuador.com/ or you can contact Scott Lotz or Joe Puetz
◇ International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations http://www.ifmsa.net/public/projectselect.php
◇ SALUD http://www.amerispan.com/salud_medical_spanish_programs/
◇ Children Without Borders - www.cwbfoundation.org

Local highlights
◇ Internal Medicine Summer Externship – a two-week program sponsored by the Department of Internal Medicine for M-1’s only; more information is expected in January.
◇ The Gateway Project to Scholarly Research in Family Medicine – this program is run through Carle Hospital. Updated information will be on the college of medicine website soon.
◇ Research on the UIUC campus - The UIUC campus is a great place to obtain research experience. The best way to obtain a summer position is to contact investigators with research portfolios that interest you. A good place to start is www.life.uiuc.edu/mbc Application deadlines vary, but most investigators will make decisions early in the spring semester.
◇ MECO (Medical Education Community Orientation) Program – The Illinois State Medical Society sponsors 4 to 6 week summer clinical experiences. More information can be obtained from the ISMS Medical Student Section at mss@isms.org 2011 information and applications should be available in January.
◇ The Schweitzer Fellowship – is an opportunity for medical students interested in public health and community development. For additional information see http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/features/us/chi/
◇ College of Medicine Summer Research Assistantships (aka Hazel I. Craig Fellowship) -- Five research assistantships will be awarded to Urbana COM students. A maximum of $1,350 will be allocated toward each summer assistantship from the College of Medicine. This amount must be matched with funds provided by the student’s faculty research advisor, mentor, or other source. Deadline for receipt of applications is TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011. Contact Debbie McCall, Assistant to the Dean, at 265-6420 or demccall@illinois.edu.