**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**
**COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**
**SENIOR RESEARCH AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** The objective of the Senior Research Award is to recognize a student who has distinguished him/herself in the pursuit of research with the intent of improving some dimension of the practice of clinical medicine.

**Significance:** Student must have demonstrated a significant contribution to clinical medicine, broadly defined, through execution of the student’s program of research. This program of research may be either in the course of obtaining a doctoral degree or other graduate degree, or may have been executed in the course of the student’s medical studies. In all cases, there must be demonstrable integration of the student’s research efforts with their clinical study and clinical training. Significance may be defined within narrow and specific clinical parameters of practice, or may be defined as broader patient and/or community processes.

**Innovation:** The student must have demonstrated a level of innovation which begins to distinguish his/her work from that of his/her advisor or broader research team with whom the student has worked. Innovation may be seen in independently defined and pursued research projects, lead authorship on presentations or papers, and/or submission of grant proposal(s) for continuation of the student’s emerging line of independent research.

**National Recognition:** Ideally the student will have some evidence of national recognition of his/her work completed to date. Recognition may be manifested in the procurement of external funding in the form of scholarships or fellowships, presentation of work at national conferences, and/or participation in the preparation and publication of manuscripts.

**Contribution to Future Research & Clinical Practice:** The student must evidence an ongoing commitment to a program of research, which will continue some aspect of the student’s work at UIUC. Such commitment may be evident in the student’s choice of residency, pursuit of additional external funding for ongoing work, production of a schedule for future publications, etc.

**ELIGIBILITY:** UICOM-UC graduating medical students.

**NOMINATIONS:** Students are to be co-nominated by a clinical and a research faculty member. The nomination letter can be co-written and signed, or the clinical and research faculty members may submit two separate letters of nomination. The candidate should submit current curriculum vita.

**SELECTION:** COMMITTEE

**AWARD PRESENTATION:** UICOM-UC Convocation and Awards Ceremony, May 7 - 8, 2010; Personal Plaque; Group Plaque at Forum.

**DEADLINE:** February 26, 2010. Please send your nominations to Nora Few, PhD, (njfew@illinois.edu) Room 125 Medical Sciences Building, MC-714 or to Janet Reis, PhD, (jsreis@illinois.edu) or Forum at Carle c/o Robert Kirby, MD (rkirby@illinois.edu).