



## future Medical Research Investigators Pre-MD/PhD Club Afternoon News



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### ***Applications now being accepted for 2008 CIC Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)***

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation is currently accepting applications for the 2008 CIC Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP). This undergraduate research program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA who are currently enrolled in a U.S. institution of higher education. SROP is intended to promote access to graduate education for students from groups underrepresented in graduate education. In addition to travel, room, board, and research support, participants receive a stipend of at least \$3,000.

Since 1986, SROP has engaged students in research with faculty mentors in order to accelerate socialization into the discipline, and to create a community of scholars among all the participants. In addition to an intensive research experience, SROP provides campus-based, educational enrichment activities and a CIC-wide research conference.

Details about SROP and the web-based application process are available at the program website (deadline February 10): [www.cic.net/programs/srop](http://www.cic.net/programs/srop)

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### ***Vanderbilt Summer Science Academy (VSSA) Biomedical Research Opportunities***

The Vanderbilt Summer Science Academy (VSSA) offers biomedical research opportunities to undergraduates who want to pursue a career in the biomedical sciences. Events and programs offered through the VSSA are scheduled from May 27th to July 26th , 2008.

Vanderbilt is looking for students between sophomore/junior and junior/senior years. The students that come for the sophomore/junior year are given preference to return for their junior/senior summer with the same faculty mentor.

For more information and online applications, see [https://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/summer\\_academy/](https://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/summer_academy/)

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## ***Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Program***

The Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Program, sponsored by the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program in New York City, is a ten week program that allows freshman and sophomore (class of 2010 or 2011) underrepresented minority and/or disadvantaged students to experience life as a MD-PhD student. See the federal NIH definition:

[http://grants.nih.gov/training/faq\\_diversity.htm#a3](http://grants.nih.gov/training/faq_diversity.htm#a3)

The Gateways students experience an exciting summer as they conduct independent research projects in a lab at one of our three institutions, while participating in a number of clinical activities including scrubbing into surgeries. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience, first hand, life as a physician-scientist.

At the end of the summer, the Gateways students give oral, written and poster presentations of their research. Last year, we were able to raise funds to pay for travel and lodging expenses so that each Gateways student could have at least one family member come, as our guest, to New York City in order to attend the final presentations.

The Gateways to the Laboratory Program awards a stipend of \$4300 and reimburses the students for their travel expenses. On campus housing is available.

The Gateways to the Laboratory Program started in 1993 as the first summer program to be run by a MD-PhD Program. A number of our alumni are now students at some of the top MD-PhD Programs across the country, including our own Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program. The NIH expressed an interest in using the Gateways Program as a model for other institutions. Recently, our program was featured on the NIH web page as a model program with a notable record of recruitment and retention strategies.

The on-line application will be available at:

<http://www.med.cornell.edu/mdphd/summerprogram/application.html>

The application deadline is February 1, 2008 (as is the deadline for most summer programs). Early completed applications are strongly encouraged.

\*Please note, this year, the Gateways to the Laboratory Program is open to underrepresented minority students AND/OR disadvantaged students. We use the federal NIH definition of underrepresented minority and/or disadvantaged:

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## ***Ohio R.O.S.E.'s Internship & Early Admission Program***

The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine offers a unique early admissions program called R.O.S.E. (Research, Observation, Service, and Education.) R.O.S.E. students enjoy:

- Two (consecutive) summer research internships with a biomedical focus. Internships last 8-10 weeks and are paid and take place in Cincinnati.
- An early assurance guarantee for our M.D. program provided that they earn an MCAT Score of 30+ (no less than a 9 in any category) and an AMCAS calculated BCPM of 3.45+ and 3.40 cumulative.
- Mentorship from our faculty and support from our Office of Student Affairs & Recruitment.
- Shadowing opportunities with UCCOM faculty, students, and alumni.

R.O.S.E. is designed for high ability, intellectually curious pre-medical college students. Applicants must be Ohio residents but can attend college anywhere in the world. See [www.med.uc.edu/ROSE](http://www.med.uc.edu/ROSE) for rest of admissions criteria.

Students will be evaluated in the order in which their application materials are received; submitting the application and supplemental materials early is highly advisable. All application materials must be received by March 1, 2008 to be considered for the program.

For more information & online application, visit [www.med.uc.edu/ROSE](http://www.med.uc.edu/ROSE). Please refer all questions to [ROSEProgram@uc.edu](mailto:ROSEProgram@uc.edu) or call 513-558-5581.