PReP & Health Disparities and Cancer Research Summer Internship Programs Application

The Health Disparities and Cancer Research Summer Internship and CTSI Pathways to Research (PReP) Summer Research Programs share one application for admittance into their respective programs. Students may be considered for one or both of the programs by selecting their program choice(s) in the application. Applicants are not required to apply to both programs. Application deadline is February 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. No late applications will be accepted.

Find detailed information about each program below:

Health Disparities and Cancer Summer Internship Program

The Health Disparities & Cancer Research Summer Internship is a nine-week program designed to give undergraduate students from Minnesota's racial/ethnic minority and underrepresented communities' research experience in the health sciences focused on cancer and/or health disparities. During this internship, participants will:
- Learn how health disparities are addressed through community-engaged research
- Engage in research related to faculty mentor's area of investigation in basic biomedical, behavioral, translational, clinical, and/or community-based research
- Attend weekly seminars and workshops on topics such as interdisciplinary research, applying for medical or professional schools, and the root causes of health disparities.
- Shadow a clinician for up to 28 hours throughout the course of the summer.
- Present a poster to academic members and community partners at the end of the summer.

This program is co-sponsored by the UMN Program in Health Disparities Research (PHDR) and the Masonic Cancer Center.

Pathways to Research Program (PReP)

Dates: June 1 - August 21, 2020

The CTSI Pathways to Research Program (PReP) is designed for undergraduate students with a Minnesota connection from populations underrepresented* in research to begin or advance their research career. The 12-week program provides training in human health research and career development through a structured core curriculum and mentored research project. PReP scholars have the opportunity to:

- Gain research skills and experience through projects mentored by UMN faculty
- Attend weekly seminars in translational science, health equity research and career/personal development topics
- Receive funding for national or international travel to present at a scientific conference for outstanding projects
- Make meaningful connections with peers, staff and faculty while HAVING FUN!
# Applicant Information

**Today's Date**  

**First Name**  

**Middle Name (if applicable)**  

**Last Name**  

x.500 (University of Minnesota students only)  

**Email**  

(Preferred email address)  

**Address: Street, City, State, Zip**  

**Phone Number**  

**Year of anticipated graduation from current degree program**  

(MM/YYYY)  

**Organization Affiliation**  
(The name of your current university or college. Ex. UMN, MCTC, Augsburg College, etc.)  

○ UMN  ○ Other  

Other  

(Ex. MCTC, Augsburg College, etc.)
College
(Ex. College of Biological Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, etc.)

☐ School of Dentistry  ☐ Medical School - TC  ☐ Medical School - Duluth  ☐ School of Nursing
☐ College of Pharmacy - TC  ☐ College of Pharmacy - Duluth  ☐ School of Public Health
☐ College of Veterinary Medicine  ☐ Other

Other

(Ex. College of Biological Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, etc.)

Major


Minor (if applicable)


Cumulative GPA


Intended post-undergraduate graduation plans
(Check all that apply)

☐ Graduate school (Masters Degree)
☐ Graduate school (PhD)
☐ Medical School (MD)
☐ Pharmacy School (PharmD)
☐ Other professional school (DDS, DVM, etc.)
☐ Work
☐ Volunteer
☐ Not sure
☐ Other

Other

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Which program(s) are you applying to?

☐ Pathways to Research Program (PReP)
☐ Health Disparities & Cancer Research Summer Internship
Please rank the programs according to your first and second choice.

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How did you hear about the Program(s) you are applying to?

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Demographic Information

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation. Responses to demographic questions below do not affect eligibility.

Date of Birth

__________________________________
(MM-DD-YYYY)

Gender Identity

○ Female
○ Male
○ Transgender
○ Non-conforming
○ Other
○ Do not wish to provide

Please specify.

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Are you Hispanic or Latinx?

○ Yes
○ No
○ Do not wish to provide

Racial Background (check all that apply)

(Check all that apply)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ White
☐ Other
☐ Do not wish to provide
If you selected Asian, please choose a region that you feel best identifies your ethnic background.

☐ East Asian
☐ South Asian
☐ Southeast Asian
☐ Other

Please specify.

____________________________________________________________________

What is your ethnicity?

☐ Hmong
☐ Lao
☐ Vietnamese
☐ Thai
☐ Other

Please specify.

____________________________________________________________________

If you chose Black/African American, please select a region that you feel best identifies your ethnic background.

☐ United States
☐ East African
☐ West African
☐ Other

Please specify.

____________________________________________________________________

What is your ethnicity?

☐ Somali
☐ Ethiopian
☐ Liberian
☐ Kenyan
☐ Other

Please specify.

____________________________________________________________________

Do you speak another language other than English?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please specify.

____________________________________________________________________
Does your family's annual income fall below established low-income thresholds*?

(*See low-income thresholds at https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines.)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Do not wish to provide

Does/did your family participate in any programs designated for low-income and/or working families?
(e.g., Free or reduced lunches for children, ACT or SAT fee waiver, food stamps, your current involvement in TRIO or related programs, etc...)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Please list the programs.

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Do you have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Do not wish to provide

Which of the following categories describe your disability(ies)?
(Check all that apply)

- [ ] Hearing
- [ ] Visual
- [ ] Mobility/Orthopedic Impairment
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Do not wish to provide

Citizenship
(Only U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents and DACA recipients are eligible for the PReP Program.)

- [ ] U.S. Citizen
- [ ] Permanent Resident
- [ ] Temporary or nonimmigrant visa holder
- [ ] Refugee/political asylee
- [ ] Other

Mother's Highest Degree

- [ ] Did not complete high school
- [ ] Completed High School
- [ ] Completed Vocational/Tech School
- [ ] Completed an Associate Degree (2-Year)
- [ ] Completed a Bachelors Degree
- [ ] Completed a Masters Degree
- [ ] Completed a Doctoral/Professional Degree
- [ ] Unknown
Father's Highest Degree

- Did not complete high school
- Completed High School
- Completed an Associate Degree (2-Year)
- Completed a Bachelors Degree
- Completed a Masters Degree
- Completed a Doctoral/Professional Degree
- Unknown

Which setting did you grow up in?
(Check all that apply)

- Rural (community of less than 30,000 people)
- Urban, i.e. Minneapolis, St. Paul
- Suburban, i.e. Bloomington, Woodbury
- Town or city outside of an urbanized area, i.e. Rochester, Duluth, St. Cloud
- Outside of the U.S.
- Other

Please provide the zip code(s) of the city(ies) where you grew up. If you grew up outside of the US, please type n/a.

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If outside the U.S., please list city and country.

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If other, please explain

__________________________
Personal Essay: Describe your academic and career goals, interest in human health research, how you will benefit from this program, what you want to learn or accomplish from this program, any research experience you have had, if applicable and any personal challenges you have faced that have influenced your life and/or academic career.

(Two-page limit; 12 pt font; single-spaced)

Take a moment to think about a specific, diverse or underserved community within Minnesota and how it is impacted by health disparities. In your essay, describe one or two of the most critical health issues facing this Minnesota community. Give examples of how you, in your intended profession, i.e. nurse, researcher, medical doctor, community health worker, etc., would serve in this area of need.

(No more than 500 words.)

Hidden: If applicable, please specify any personal challenges you have faced that have influenced your life and/or academic career.

(Up to 2 pages.)

Upload your resume or curriculum vitae. Include paid and unpaid* work experiences, community service, volunteer activities, awards/achievements, and clubs/organizations.

(*Ex: working in family business; taking care of siblings/elderly adult, etc.)

Transcripts from undergraduate program (unofficial copies acceptable)

Final Step:
Your application is not considered complete until two letters of support are received. Letters of support should be uploaded by the letter writer at https://z.umn.edu/internship_LOR.