

Pauley Heart Center 2023 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

The VCU Health Pauley Heart Center invites undergraduate students to apply for a 10-week mentored research fellowship, in which students will be paired with a Sponsor (faculty mentor) and take part in a cardiovascular research project. The purpose of this fellowship is to provide undergraduate students with an introduction to conducting translational multi-disciplinary cardiovascular research. By the end of this fellowship, students will develop cardiovascular disease research skills through experiential learning with the goal of applying this experience to future research opportunities and post-graduate careers in cardiovascular research. Students will prepare and present a poster summarizing their research findings at the end of the program.

For summer 2023, we plan to hold the program onsite at VCU's medical campus in downtown Richmond between **May 22-July 28, 2023**. Participants must be available and willing to be attend in-person for the full 10 weeks of the summer fellowship.

Eligibility

This fellowship is open to full-time undergraduate students from a 4-year college or university classified at junior- or senior- academic status at the time of application. Students from racial and ethnic groups which are underrepresented in science are strongly encouraged to apply.

Program Dates

Monday, May 22 – Friday, July 28, 2023

Stipend

Students will receive a stipend of \$6,000 during summer 2023.

Housing

VCU dormitory housing will be provided (at no cost to students) for the 10 weeks of the summer fellowship.

Decision date

Students will be notified if they have been accepted into the fellowship by late February 2023.

Application Requirements

The application is due by **11:59PM on January 30, 2023**.

Applicants will be provided a list of potential faculty mentors and their research projects and are required to rank their top three choices of faculty to be paired with for the summer.

The application consists of the following components:

1. Online application form
2. Personal statement (*uploaded via the application portal*)

3. Undergraduate transcript(s) (*uploaded via the application portal; unofficial transcripts are acceptable but must include letter grades from all current or previous undergraduate institutions applicant has attended – i.e. if an applicant has transferred from a previous institution, please include a transcript including letter grades from the previous institution*)
4. 2 recommendations (*at least 1 should be from an individual, preferably a faculty member, who can speak to applicant's academic/research accomplishments*)

The personal statement (1-page max, single-spaced) must address the following prompts:

- Explain your interest in cardiovascular research and this program.
- How do your skills and experiences prepare you to be successful in completing the proposed research duties?
- Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.
- In what ways will this research fellowship help you in advancing your academic, career, and/or professional goals?

Recommendations:

Two recommendations must be submitted using our recommendation form (this form can be downloaded via the application portal). Each of your recommenders must submit their completed recommendation forms via email to pauley.undergradfellowship@vcuhealth.org by **11:59PM on January 30, 2023.**

All application materials, including recommendation forms, must be submitted by 11:59PM on January 30, 2023. Please feel free to direct any questions to pauley.undergradfellowship@vcuhealth.org.