

## **SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM**

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **What is a typical day in the program like?**

Students will be assigned to a faculty mentor prior to the start of the program, and will work directly with the faculty mentor and mentor's laboratory on an individualized research project identified by the mentor. Students are expected to work on-site at Brigham and Women's Hospital for 8 hours a day from Monday through Friday throughout the duration of the program.

#### **In addition to working on a research project in my mentor's lab, are there any other activities planned?**

Yes. Students will participate in several other activities including a weekly didactic curriculum that incorporates lectures on clinical topics related to newborn medicine, opportunities to meet with a variety of health professionals who care for newborns in the hospital or do research relating to newborns, and simulation sessions. Students will receive training in how to prepare a scientific abstract and presentation, and at the conclusion of the program, students will present their work to their peers and the department in a short oral presentation.

#### **Can international students apply?**

International students can apply. However, all students must have a valid visa throughout the entire duration of the summer program. We cannot provide assistance with obtaining your visa. We will require documentation of the active visa several months prior to the start of the program in order to participate.

#### **Do you provide housing?**

No, we do not arrange for student housing. Accepted students will be given a list of housing resources, but it is each student's responsibility to establish his or her own housing.

#### **I have a prior commitment and would need to start the program late or end early. Is this ok?**

Students are expected to be present on-site in Boston throughout the duration of the 8-week program and we are unable to be flexible on the start and end dates. If there are extenuating circumstances that would cause you to miss a few days in the middle, you may reach out to the program coordinator to explain your situation. Decisions about

acceptable absences will be made on a case-by-case basis. In general, it is expected that all students would be present throughout the 8-week program.

**I applied to the Summer Student Research Program and I understand that you will not be making acceptance decisions for several more weeks, but I really need to know sooner. I was offered another position for the summer and, although your program is my first choice, I do not want to forgo this other opportunity in the event that I am not accepted to the Summer Student Research Program.**

If you have a pressing issue that necessitates knowing your acceptance status before the announcement date, you may contact the program coordinator to explain your situation. If possible, we will update you on the current status of your application, but in most cases it is not possible to provide decisions about acceptance prior to the stated deadline.

**Do you provide funding or a stipend of any kind?**

We offer a limited number of small stipends to the top applicants. These applicants will be notified of their stipend at the time of acceptance. Students are encouraged to seek funding from their university/school.