

Sanford Program for Undergraduate Research Application

The application deadline is **March 1, 2010**.

After filling in all the information, print the application and mail it to:

Dr. Season Phillips Vitiello, Ph.D.
Coordinator of Undergraduate Research
Sanford Children's Health Research Center
900 West Delaware Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

IMPORTANT: In addition, please send a copy of your official transcripts (one from each college you have attended) and two letters of recommendation. Only sealed official transcripts will be accepted. You must arrange for transcripts from all institutions where you have taken college level courses. Letters of recommendation must be original and should be signed and sealed. **Transcripts and letters are also due by March 1, 2010.** An application will not be considered complete until the application form, letters of reference, and transcripts arrive at the above address. **Late applications will not be considered.**

The Sanford Program for Undergraduate Research is aimed at providing research opportunities in various aspects of biomedical research to undergraduates who may be considering applying to graduate (Ph.D.) programs. The following groups of applicants are encouraged to apply for this program:

- Students who are interested in the Ph.D. degree and intending to apply to graduate school
- Students who are US citizens, permanent resident aliens, or foreign students with visas from their host institutions
- Students from groups who are under-represented in the biological sciences are especially encouraged to apply. These groups include students with disabilities, students from certain racial/ethnic groups (see below), first-generation college students, and individuals from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds

The NIH recognizes racial/ethnic groups that are significantly underrepresented at advanced levels of science and engineering in the U.S. to be as follows: Native Americans (including American Indians and Alaskan Natives), African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Pacific Islanders

First name:

Middle Initial:

Last name:

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

Gender: male female

Citizenship: US citizen permanent resident alien foreign

If foreign, please list the type of visa you hold and your country of citizenship:

Present Address

Street:

Apt/Box #:

City:

State/Province:

Country:

Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Permanent Address (if different from above)

Street:

Apt/Box #:

City:

State/Province:

Country:

Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Education Record

University:

Address:

Degree (BS/BA):

Current G.P.A.:

Area of degree:

Matriculation date:

Expected date of graduation:

If you have attended more than one undergraduate institution, please list the most recent above and include the next most recent below:

University:

Address:

Degree (BS/BA):

Current G.P.A.:

Major/Area of degree:

Matriculation date:

Expected date of graduation:

Please list three relevant **science** courses taken during the last year:

Course: Grade:

Course: Grade:

Course: Grade:

Please list any honors or awards received during your undergraduate career (900 characters max):

We would like to know more about you. In your own words, please describe your interests and intentions below.

Please describe any prior research experience you have participated in (900 characters max):

Please explain why you wish to participate in this program (900 characters max):

Please describe your scientific interests (900 characters max):

Please describe your career goals (900 characters max):

Please indicate whether you intend to take the following standardized tests:

MCAT GRE Both

Research project interests

Please select 3 possible mentors at Sanford with whom you would like to work
(See the Sanford website for a list of mentors)

Choice 1:

Choice 2:

Choice 3:

Recommendations

Please indicate the names of two professors who have agreed to write letters of recommendation:

Name: Institution: Title:

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If you have a pre-med advisor, please supply his/her name below:

Name: Institution: Title:

Optional Information

For U.S. citizens and permanent residents only.

How would you describe yourself? *(Check all that apply)*

- African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Pacific Islander (including Fijian, Hawaiian, Samoan)
- Asian (including Indian subcontinent)
- Hispanic (including Mexican American; not Puerto Rican)
- Puerto Rican
- White, Anglo, Caucasian American (non-Hispanic)
- Other

Are you a first generation college student?

(This means that neither of your parents has a B.S./B.A. or equivalent 4-year degree)

Yes No

Are you from a low-income family, as defined by federal guidelines?

(see <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html> for federal guidelines)

Yes

No