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TO: Research Faculty
FROM: Margaret Maynard, PhD, Assistant Dean
RE: College of Medicine Craig Summer Research Fellowship Program—
Call for Proposals
DATE: February 1, 2012

The Office of Medical Education and Evaluation is pleased to announce The 27th Annual College of Medicine Student Summer Research Fellowship Program (a.k.a. The Walter Rice Craig Fellowship). This competitive program provides an exciting opportunity for medical students interested in research to conduct projects under the guidance of the College of Medicine faculty.

Medical students who wish to be considered for this program must have a University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford faculty member as a research sponsor and must conduct the research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. MD/PhD students are not eligible. The research sponsor must:

1. supervise the student on a project during the summer months,
2. help the student to prepare for presentation of the project at the UICOM-Rockford Research Day in the Spring of 2013, and
3. ensure that the student fulfills all requirements of this fellowship.

Stipends of \$2,700 are provided for the student, of which the Office of the Regional Dean will contribute \$1,350 and the Fellowship Program will contribute \$1,350. This year the program will run from May 29 through August 4, 2012. Students are expected to work 16.67 hours per week. Acknowledging that the research may be difficult to complete within this time frame, any time commitment beyond the compensated time should be discussed and negotiated between the student applicant and the researcher.

The deadline for faculty applications is **Monday, February 28, 2011**. Faculty research proposals can be made by completing the attached application form and returning it to Dr. Margaret Maynard (margem@uic.edu) in the Office of Medical Education and Evaluation, preferably via email. Student applications are due by March 16, 2012, with anticipated awards by March 30, 2012.

The following review criteria will be used to judge proposals and a minimum of 70 points will be required to be considered for funding:

- a. maximum of 15 pts: Clear and testable hypothesis
- b. maximum of 30 pts: Design adequate to answer hypothesis

- c. maximum of 15 pts: Completed project will be publishable or suitable for presentation at a professional meeting
- d. maximum of 10 pts: Tasks at appropriate level for M2 student
- e. maximum of 10 pts: Project can be completed within the time frame of the program
- f. maximum of 20 pts: Project provides a "learning experience" for the student

Please realize that the award of a Craig Summer Fellow incurs responsibilities on your part as the faculty advisor:

- You will be expected to provide guidance to the student at each stage of the project, including the development of any presentations or reports
- Only the salary of the student is covered. Any additional expenses must be assumed by the faculty investigator or his/her department. If your project is selected for this program, you will need to secure the signature of your Department Chair to assure that all incidental expenses, including the poster development, will be covered.
- The project must be presented in either an oral or poster format at the College of Medicine's Research Day held in Spring 2013 at the Rockford Campus.
- The student must prepare a 1-2 page report on the project, delivered to the Office of Medical Education and Evaluation, by September 4, 2012.

If you are not interested in applying for the summer fellowship program, or do not have a fully developed research idea, please still take the time to fill out the application form. We will use these forms to match students interested in pursuing research during their time in Rockford with faculty having similar interests. The February 28 deadline is ONLY for the Craig Summer Fellowship program; other research proposals will be accepted at any time.

If you have ANY questions or concerns, feel free to contact Dr. Maynard at 815.395.5588 or by email at margem@uic.edu.