



TO: University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford Class of 2022 Students
and all University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford Faculty

FROM: Sherry Falsetti, PhD – Assistant Dean of Research, Office of Research

RE: College of Medicine Student Summer Research Fellowship Program

DATE: February 28, 2019

The Office of Research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford is pleased to announce the 34th 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 – regardless of previous research experience, to conduct projects under the guidance of College of Medicine faculty. Research can enrich a student’s medical education by providing an understanding not only of results, but also the methods to better inform clinical decisions. Research can also create career opportunities and may reveal new areas of interest.

Medical students who wish to be considered for this program must have a University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford faculty member as a research sponsor and must conduct the research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford.

Stipends of \$2,700 are provided for the student, of which the Office of the Regional Dean will contribute \$1,350 and the College of Medicine Fellowship Program will contribute \$1,350. This year the program will run from June 24, 2019 through August 18, 2019. 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.

Students in good academic standing who wish to be considered for this summer program must submit the attached application, a project proposal and a current CV. All student applications must be submitted to Dr. Sherry Falsetti (falsetti@uic.edu) in the Office of Research, preferably via email, by March 29, 2019. The anticipated date of award announcement is April 26, 2019.

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. Clear and testable hypothesis (max 15 pts)
- b. Design adequate to answer hypothesis (max 30 pts)
- c. Completed project will be publishable or suitable for presentation at a professional meeting (max 15 pts)
- d. Tasks at appropriate level for M2 student (max 10 pts)
- e. Project can be completed within the time frame of the program (max 10 pts)
- f. Project provides a “learning experience” for the student (max 20 pts)

We hope that you consider this wonderful opportunity. If you have ANY questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (815) 395-5665 or by email at falsetti@uic.edu.

**WALTER RICE CRAIG STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD
SUMMARY**

Eligibility: Academically eligible UICOMR medical students

Application Deadline: March 29, 2019

Appointment Period: June 24, 2019 through August 18, 2019

Appointment Status: Research Assistant

Stipend: \$2,700 (\$1,350 from College of Medicine Dean's Office, \$1,350 from Office of the Regional Dean)

Anticipated Fellowship Announcement: April 26, 2019

Submission requirements:

1. Completed application (next page)
2. Project Proposal – **written by student**. Limit to two pages, single spaced.
 - Describe student role in the proposed research project.
 - Identify the faculty member under whose supervision student will be working.
 - Attach a bibliography list.
 - Include in discussion details the following topics:
 - Title of Project
 - Aim of the Research Project (the question the research is supposed to answer)
 - Describe the Research Methods; provide specific experimental protocols; and state explicitly the portion of planned research to be completed by the applicant over the two summer months.
 - Clinical and/or basic science significance of anticipated outcome; and interpretation of anticipated results.

Future Requirements:

Final Report: Awardees are required to submit a final report to the Research Coordinator in the Office of Research (lorindah@uic.edu) by **October 31, 2019**. The report, in no more than two pages, should summarize the status of the project including anticipated completion date (if not completed), note significant findings or lack of results and/or incomplete research, and identify any abstracts or publications that may result.

Format for final reports:

1. Student name, faculty sponsor's name, the title of the project.
2. Research question addressed and the significance of this question.
3. Methods used and the results obtained.
4. Conclusions drawn from these results and their significance.
5. Plan for Research Day submission.
6. Signature of faculty sponsor.

NOTE: If project is not complete when submitting the October 31st report, a final report will be required no later than March 31, 2020.

Research Day: All awardees are required to submit an abstract for the Rockford campus Research Day in Spring 2020. Craig Fellows whose projects are incomplete must contact the Research Coordinator in the Office of Research (lorindah@uic.edu), documenting their reason for not participating in Research Day.

IMPORTANT: Failure to submit a final reports and/or participate in the Research Day will result in no mention of the student's participation in this program on the student's Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) for residency applications.

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APPLICAITON**

Applications must be typewritten or legibly printed. Parts I and II must be completed by the student and their faculty advisor, respectively, then the application, project proposal and student CV (preferably as one PDF document) are submitted to the Office of Research as instructed below.

(Part I) Student Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I have reviewed the Walter Rice Craig Student Summer Research Fellowship Program information and intend to satisfy all requirements to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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(Part II) Faculty Sponsor's Statement

I have reviewed the attached proposal and consider it feasible and worthwhile. I will supervise the student on the project during the summer months, help the student to prepare for the Rockford campus Research Day, and ensure that the student fulfills all requirements of this fellowship.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Department: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



**SUBMIT APPLICATION, PROJECT PROPOSAL AND STUDENT CV TO:
DR. SHERRY FALSETTI FALSETTI@UIC.EDU
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
1601 PARKVIEW AVE, ROCKFORD, IL 61107**

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(Part III) COMPLETED BY OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Students who fail courses which require make-ups are not eligible.
- Students may only participate in one summer fellowship program.
- Students must be active and not on a leave of absence.

The above named student: IS academically eligible. IS NOT academically eligible.

Signature: Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Date