RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY: APPLY NOW!

IMSD Georgia State University
(Initiative for Maximizing Student Development)
A NIH-Funded Program for Undergraduate Research and Professional Development
Biology * Chemistry * Neuroscience * Psychology

The 2017 IMSD Program at Georgia State University is now open for applications.
Application Deadline: February 24th, 2017

• SUMMER
  o Full-time Research Assistantship
    ▪ May 30 through August 4, 2017
    ▪ $10 per hour, between 30 – 40 hours per week
    ▪ 10 weeks in the summer with chance to renew for fall
  o BRAIN Summer Research Program Orientation Week
    ▪ May 30 – June 2, 2017; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Petit Science Center
    ▪ Led by Kyle Frantz, Ph.D. (Professor, Neuroscience) & Chris Goode, Ph.D. (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Learning, College of Arts and Sciences, Psychology)
    ▪ Philosophy of Science, Experimental Design, Research Ethics, Lab Safety, Mentoring Up, and Scientific Communication
  o Weekly Professional Development Workshops
    ▪ Wednesdays from June 7 through July 26, 2017; 12:30 – 3:30 pm, Petit Science Center
    ▪ Led by Kyle Frantz, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Weaver, M.S. (Education Specialist, Neuroscience)
    ▪ Professional Conduct, CV/Résumé Preparation, Science Identity, and Career Awareness
  o Closing Research Symposium
    ▪ Tentative Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2017
    ▪ Judged Poster Presentations on summer research accomplishments
    ▪ In collaboration with the Brains & Behavior Summer Undergraduate Fellows Program

• ACADEMIC YEAR (Renewal application required at end of summer 2017)
  o Research Assistantship
    ▪ August 21, 2017 through May 4, 2018
    ▪ $10 per hour, maximum 225 work hours per semester (average 15 hours per week)
    ▪ Minimum work hours per semester recommended: 75 (average 5 hours per week)
  o Monthly Professional Development Workshops
    ▪ Led by faculty and senior trainees
    ▪ Research Ethics, Animal Use in Research, Diversity in the Workforce, Professional Conference Attendance and Conduct, Peer Review, Preparation for Graduate School, Mock GRE Testing, Interviewing Strategies, and Presentation Skills
  o Closing Research Symposium
    ▪ End of spring semester (April)
    ▪ Judged Oral Presentations with PowerPoint slides on research design and/or outcomes
The IMSD program at Georgia State is a two-year academic, professional development, and research-intensive program that will help guide students through their most formative years as scientists-in-training, all the while preparing them to transition into high-caliber doctoral programs across the nation. The goal of the IMSD is to encourage students from underrepresented groups to pursue careers in biomedical research, starting with completion of Ph.D. degrees in related fields.

We seek motivated undergraduate applicants with the following qualifications:

• Undergraduate, full-time, degree-seeking student at Georgia State University
• Major in biology, chemistry, neuroscience, or psychology
• Expected graduation year between 2018 and 2020
• U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent resident
• Individuals from demographic groups underrepresented in STEM fields are especially encouraged to apply (including those who identify as African American/African-descent/Black, Hispanic/Latino/Latina, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, or Native Alaskan, individuals with documented disabilities, students receiving Pell Grant financial aid, and/or first generation college-bound students)
• All applicants must be highly motivated, hard-working, collaborative, and curious, with strong attention to detail and good time management skills

Apply again at the end of summer 2017 to continue through the 2017-2018 academic year and beyond.

TO APPLY:
Fill out and submit the online application form here.
For questions about the program, contact Alexandria White, the IMSD Program Coordinator, at awhite84@student.gsu.edu or Kyle Frantz, Ph.D., IMSD Project Co-Director, at kfrantz@gsu.edu.

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The application is also accessible from within the IMSD website.