

## Research and Curriculum Exploration Summer Program (RCE) AY 2020-2021

### Program structure -- common elements

The RCE will provide 4 weeks of stipend for each UMMS SOM student at \$15 per hour (up to \$2,400) to work on a project with a UMass faculty member (called PI moving forward).

- If the PI wishes more time and is able to secure separate funding, the PI may extend the work for another 4 weeks at the same rate.
- The same PI may work with more than one student, each for 4 weeks (or longer, again if the PI can secure additional funds)
- Students arrange their specific availability with the PI, however the experience must occur between June 1 and July 31

### **OPTION 1 – PI initiated**

1. The PI will submit project to the OUME using the link:  
[https://umassmed.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_265Ck28kR6M93ff](https://umassmed.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_265Ck28kR6M93ff) by the end of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
2. All projects submitted by the PI will be posted on the OUME webpage by **January 5th**:  
<https://www.umassmed.edu/oume/student-resources/research-and-service-opportunities/>
3. Students will be responsible for meeting with the PI, if an interview is required
4. **PI will select a student** and email the student and the program coordinator (Maria Torres) noting the number of weeks for the experience (4-8, recall that the stipend for 4 weeks is covered by the OUME).

### **OPTION 2 – student initiated**

1. Students can reach out to faculty who they are interested in working with asking if they might be able to provide a summer experience, or with a specific project idea
2. If the faculty member agrees, the student will email the PI copying the program coordinator (Maria Torres) who will provide a form to collect additional information and confirm the length of the experience.
3. OUME will provide a sample letter students can adapt to reach out to PIs

### **NOTE:**

- All students and PIs will participate in scheduled small group sessions during the summer.
- Poster session is will be held in August after the start of the semester and all students must participate as part of the program.
- **IMPORTANT:** Students participating in the **Clinical Transitional Research Pathway (CTRP)** are required to complete 8 weeks with 4 weeks of funding coming from your lab and should notify Anne Michelson as program coordinator (not Maria Torres)