Program Announcement
The Cancer in the Under-Privileged, Indigent, or Disadvantaged (CUPID) Summer Translational Oncology Program
Program Dates: May 29, 2018 – August 3, 2018

The Cancer in the Under-Privileged, Indigent, or Disadvantaged (CUPID) Summer Translational Research Program is a 10-week NCI-funded, multi-institutional oncology fellowship with an emphasis on laboratory-based research.

The CUPID program will be conducted at three sites: The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Ohio State University School of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio. The mission of the CUPID program is to cultivate an interest in cancer treatment and research among medical students who are interested in both research and health care disparities and who have a sustained commitment to community service.

Key features of the program are:

- A 10-week intensive, structured, laboratory-based research experience
- A 7-week didactic lunch lecture series delivered by senior faculty via live video conference simultaneously to all three sites. Specific topics include an overview of the molecular basis of cancer, general oncologic principles, challenges in clinical oncology and approaches to relieving cancer health disparities. The course varies from year to year, depending on speaker availability and the integration of new speakers and topics, and also by any new developments in cancer research and care.
- Students participate in one half day clinical rotations in the areas of medical, surgical, pediatric and radiation oncology services, and at a community outreach center to allow students to experience inpatient, outpatient and community-based clinical oncology practice.
- To help build a broad professional network, students from all sites will have an opportunity to participate in a two-day joint conference in Washington, DC that is focused on cancer-related advocacy and policy.
- Other program activities include a weekly journal club and a closing symposium.

By bringing a diverse group of highly motivated students together for an intensive oncology experience early in their training, we expect to instill an enthusiasm for oncology in a group of future caregivers who are most likely to serve the underserved.

First year medical students from US medical institutions and US territories are invited to submit an application for the CUPID Summer Translational Oncology Program. The summer students will be chosen based on their academic standing, community service, and their interests in oncology and health care disparities. *Students will receive a program stipend, housing (if needed) and gym membership for the summer. For more details about the program and to learn more about the application process, students may visit our website:  http://public.onc.jhmi.edu/cupid/

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