



# SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2010

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## Program Description

<http://pediatrics.evms.edu> (Click the "Research" portal for Application Form and Fact Sheet)

**For rising or graduating college seniors, and 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate or medical students (as of May 2010)**

### MENTORED SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

The Summer Scholars Program is a mentored research internship operated under the aegis of Eastern Virginia Medical School's Department of Pediatrics at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk, Virginia. The competitive 9-1/2 week program is open to college seniors (rising or graduating), and first- or second-year graduate or medical students who are exploring potential careers in medical, biomedical, public health, or behavioral research. Students selected for the program will conduct a pre-selected research project from start to finish and present project outcomes to the scientific community. Students are listed as investigators on their projects, which are frequently published and/or presented on the national level. Formal classroom training and personalized application in research design, implementation, and publication make this summer experience a must for anyone considering a career in research.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

(1) Students selected for the program will be matched to pre-selected research projects which are compatible with their training, experience, and interests. Each project will be mentored by a member of the Eastern Virginia Medical School faculty. (2) Students will attend didactic sessions on research design, implementation and presentation, conducted by faculty members and qualified members of the medical community. (3) With guidance from mentors and program directors, students will give oral presentations on their project goals at the beginning of the program, and poster presentations on the last day of the program, July 29, 2010. The poster presentations will be held in conjunction with a reception to which Summer Scholars will be allowed to invite family members and personal guests. (4) Students will be allowed to shadow clinicians, including pediatricians, psychologists and surgeons in various specialty fields of medicine at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, based on availability. (5) Students will be offered opportunities to participate in social activities coordinated by the program.

### PROGRAM DATES:

Wednesday, May 26 – Thursday, July 29, 2010. No exceptions!

### STIPEND:

\$3,000 – paid in full at orientation on May 26, 2010.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS:

- **Application packets must include all of the following items, mailed to the address listed below.**
  1. Official Summer Scholars Program application form – must be typed.
  2. Official school transcript in a sealed envelope with the Registrar's signature across the sealed flap. Undergraduate applicants must have at least a 3.2 GPA
  3. Personal statement explaining your interest in research and your career goals (about one page.)
  4. A minimum of two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from one of your professors. You may submit more than two letters of recommendation.
- **The complete packet must be in our hands by Friday, February 19, 2010.**
- **Incomplete packets will not be accepted.**
- **You will receive an email to let you know when your packet has been received.**

### NOTIFICATIONS:

- **All students will be notified of their standing by Friday, April 16, 2010.**

### TIME COMMITMENT:

Students must be available full time (at least 40 hours per week) for the entire program. There are usually no program obligations during weekends.

### HOUSING:

Students are responsible for finding their own housing, although the Summer Scholars Program will provide rental leads from EVMS medical students who are willing to lease or share their apartments during the program session. Many of these rentals are within walking distance of our medical campus.

### MAIL APPLICATION PACKETS TO:

Summer Scholars Program  
Attn: Linda Merhige  
CHKD Department of Pediatrics  
601 Children's Lane  
Norfolk, VA 23507-1971

### CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

E-Mail: [Linda.Merhige@chkd.org](mailto:Linda.Merhige@chkd.org)  
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