

Program Announcement

The Cancer in the Under-Privileged, Indigent, or Disadvantaged (CUPID)

Summer Translational Oncology Program

The CUPID Summer Translational Oncology Program is a laboratory-based research experience designed to introduce rising second year medical students to oncology. The program is jointly administered by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHU), Indiana University School of Medicine (IU), and The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Our mission is to address the impending shortage of practicing oncologists within the US, and to cultivate an interest in cancer treatment and research among a diverse body of compassionate medical students. US medical students who are interested in translational research and health care disparities, and who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to community service are invited to apply. Students may select their preference of location in: 1) Baltimore, Maryland, 2) Indianapolis, Indiana, or 3) *Columbus, Ohio (students may be considered for more than one location).

The number of fellowships at each of the sites is limited and admission will be highly competitive. One important goal of the program is to reach out to students at institutions that are not affiliated with an NCI-designated cancer center. Accordingly, such applicants will be prioritized.

The program runs for a total of 9 weeks (May 30 – July 28, 2023). Within these dates, students can select an **8-week period** that best conforms to the academic calendar of their home medical school. Applicants who will not be available for a full 8-week period will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Key features of the program are:

- An 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. Topics are varied, and include the molecular basis of cancer, the pathophysiology of common types of cancer, cancer diagnosis and therapy and cancer health disparities. The course varies from year to year, depending on speaker availability and the integration of new speakers and topics, and by new developments in cancer research and care.
- Students participate in half-day rotations with physicians on both medical, surgical, pediatric and radiation oncology clinical services.
- To help build a broad professional network, students from all sites will 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, career talks 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 accredited US medical institutions or in a US territory are invited to apply. The 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, students may visit our website: <https://public.onc.jhmi.edu/cupid/>

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**The Ohio location is limited to medical students who are currently attending The Ohio State University. Ohio residents attending other US medical schools may apply to Johns Hopkins or Indiana locations.*

***See specific program location for availability*