October 20th, 2022  
Erin Mullins, MA  
Medical Student Research Program  
University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine  

Dear Ms. Mullins:

We would like to share with you a one-year research opportunity that may be of interest to your 2nd or 3rd year medical students who are contemplating a career in dermatology.

Specifically, the Division of Dermatologic Surgery, Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University has an opening for a gap year research fellow from June 2023 through May 2024. During this mentored research year, students learn to apply the methods of clinical research in order to complete several individual research projects pertaining to skin cancer and skin surgery. While the position is unpaid, gap year students are supported to attend national meetings to present their work, and are also provided appropriate training. All gap year students completing this program during the past 10 years have been successful in matching in dermatology residency.

I am the primary mentor for the gap year student at Northwestern Dermatologic Surgery.

For more details about the program and application, interested students should email Farhana Ikmal Hisham, a current research fellow in the program (Farhana.ikmalhisham@northwestern.edu).

Thank you very much for appraising your students of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Murad Alam, MD