



UAB HEERSINK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Alabama at Birmingham **Research in Aging through Mentorship and Practice - Undergraduate Program (RAMP-UP) – 2024 Application Process**

The UAB Minority Health and Health Equity Research Center (UAB MHERC) invites rising sophomore undergraduate students to participate in its unique three-year program, **Research in Aging through Mentorship and Practice (RAMP-UP)**. RAMP-UP provides an intensive eight week **in-person** summer research experience for year one and year two with the potential for a third summer continued research or internship training. Virtual learning opportunities are provided throughout the academic year-round portion of the program.

Eligible Applicants: We are accepting applications for these paid internships from undergraduate students currently entering the sophomore year of their undergraduate degree program at:

- University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
- Alabama A&M University (AAMU)
- Alabama State University (ASU)
- Oakwood University (OU)
- Stillman College (SC)
- Tuskegee (TU)

RAMP-UP provides activities focused on mentored research experiences and education in research regarding senior adults, and aging and health equity/disparities research for underrepresented students in MSTEM fields. RAMP-UP combines the research mentorship with structured career planning and guidance from a personal advocate and career coach, which increases the likelihood that students will complete graduate studies and enter the field of research post graduation.

Trainees receive a stipend of \$2,000 for summer participation and \$1,840 for academic year participations for a total of \$3,840 each year. The academic year-round program includes a Personal Advocate and Career Coach and required participation in MCAT Prep (if appropriate), Journal Club, and a Senior only Proseminar Series.

To ensure the most rewarding experience, we request that trainees NOT enroll in summer courses, participate in other summer programs, or work, unless approved by the program administrators. Trainees should anticipate a 40 hour work week with RAMP-UP including seminars, research, and assignments.

RAMP-UP summer dates are **June 3 – July 26, 2024.**

We encourage qualified undergraduate students of all majors to apply. All students are required to submit the following:

- Application online: [APPLY HERE](#)
- The following additional materials should be uploaded in the application:
 - Personal Statement
 - Why would you like to participate in the RAMP-UP Program?
 - How will participation impact your academic and career goals?
 - What qualifications set you apart from other applicants?
 - Unofficial transcripts
 - Current resume
- Two letters of recommendation sent by the recommender to: rampup@uabmc.edu

Applications will open on November 1, 2023. Applications are due February 1, 2024.

If you would like more information or assistance in completing the application, please contact us at rampup@uabmc.edu. We thank you for your interest and encourage you to return your completed application materials as soon as possible.

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