Undergraduate college students can now apply for a summer internship at Simmons Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Four positions will be awarded to qualified undergraduate college students who plan a career in medicine or research with a focus on cancer. This is SCI's ninth summer hosting the internships.

Selected interns will learn laboratory skills and concepts of cancer biology while working under the supervision of SCI faculty members. One internship position will be offered at the SIU Carbondale campus. The remaining three will be at the School of Medicine campus in Springfield, IL.

The internships were created to "provide hands-on experience working in a cancer research lab," said Don Torry, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Biology and Director of Basic and Translational Research at SCI. "They experience first-hand what it is like to work side-by-side with a researcher and their team."

Qualified applicants is defined as an individual who has completed their freshman year of college by June 2017 and will enter their sophomore, junior or senior year in Fall 2017. Applicants should submit a current college transcript, a résumé, and a personal statement letter describing their current studies, activities, and future career goals. In addition, applicants must arrange to have two letters of reference sent from instructors addressing their academic qualifications and potential for the research internship. The paid internships are awarded on a competitive basis.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF and emailed to Theresa Casson at tcasson@siumed.edu. Instructors should email their reference letters directly to Theresa Casson. Deadline for receipt of all materials is March 17, 2017. Contact Theresa with any questions or for additional information at 217-545-2220.

*The mission of Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU is to serve the people of central and southern Illinois by addressing their present and future cancer needs through education, research, patient care and community service. Its website is www.siumed.edu/cancer.*