Summer 2016 Internships

Simmons Cancer Institute

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

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 eighth summer hosting the internships.

Selected interns will learn basic laboratory skills 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.

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 see first-hand what it is like to work side-by-side with a researcher and their team."

Qualified applicants will have completed their freshman year of college by June 2016 and not have graduated from college prior to June 2016. 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 16, 2016. 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.