
Eligible Applicants should submit the following:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of school transcript (official or unofficial)
- 2 letters of faculty recommendation
- Statement of interest in the LHI SRSP (paragraph)
- Brief statement of short term and long term goals

Tentative Program dates: June 1 through July 31, 2020

UPDATE 12/20/19: Scholars interested in working through the first half of August may indicate so on their applications. Labs often employ scholars for a few weeks after completion of the program.

The Lillehei Heart Institute offers annual summer research scholarships in basic science research related to cardiovascular disease. These highly competitive, prestigious scholarships are designed to expose highly qualified students to several disciplines within cardiovascular disease research and its clinical applications. The major focus will be intensive basic or clinical research as each scholar will be assigned a laboratory and a faculty mentor. In addition, scholars will be introduced to clinical, industrial, and academic medicine through a variety of field trips, seminars and hands on experiences. Weekly seminars by faculty and industry leaders will be given to offer the scholar a window into career opportunities in cardiovascular science and medicine. The goal of these scholarships is to encourage medical and scientific careers in Cardiovascular Medicine.

Eligibility

- Scholarships are open to high school students and undergraduate students.
  
  High school students must be age 16 years or older, must be a current Junior or Senior at the time of application, and must be a U.S. citizen.
  
  Undergraduate students must be enrolled in an accredited degree program in a health care related field.

- Scholarships last 9 weeks in duration and are full time (40 hrs/week, unless special arrangements have been requested and approved by the Director).

Compensation/Benefits

- Scholars will receive a stipend ($ amount TBD).

Housing and Meals

- The SRSP does not provide meals or housing.

- For applicants 18 years and older, accommodations in University of Minnesota residence halls are available at an extra cost. Contact the U of M Office of Housing and Residential Life for more info (www.housing.umn.edu).

- For applicants under the age of 18, an adult chaperone is required for accommodation in University housing. The adult chaperone must live with the applicant and pay an additional cost. Alternatively, minor age applicants may make off-campus housing arrangements with family or friends in the area.
FAQ

Is the program available to students who are not U.S. citizens?
Yes, but to undergraduate college students only. A J-1 visa will be required (at a cost of $600-700 payable by the applicant).
Requirements for the J-1 visa include:
(1) that the individual be covered by health insurance (purchased at the applicant’s expense through the U of M Office of Student Health Benefits, www.shb.umn.edu)
(2) that the individual make a minimum of $1,300 per month.
(3) that a letter justifying why the individual is coming to the U.S. be provided.
Contact International Student & Scholar Services [www.isss.umn.edu] for additional information about obtaining a J-1 visa.

What are the program dates?
The program usually runs from the first Monday in June until the first week in August. An orientation is scheduled on the Friday prior to the first Monday in June.

How many applications do you receive?
We typically receive between 150 and 175 applications each year.

How many positions are available?
There are nine undergraduate and three high school positions available. Some exceptional applicants who do not make the initial cut will be notified of their placement on a waiting list, and may be offered a position at a later date should one become available.

Do you accept recent university graduates?
No, you must be currently enrolled as a junior or senior in high school or as a current undergraduate student (med students are not eligible). Applicants under the age of 18, please see the housing restrictions listed on page 28.

Will I receive confirmation that you have received all of my application materials?
Yes, you will receive a confirmation via email.

When can I expect to hear if I have been accepted?
Notifications of acceptance are normally sent in the first week of March.

I have never before composed a curriculum vitae. Where can I find instructions and/or templates?
There are many examples available online; we do not require a specific format. Feel free to complete a search online for an example of a curriculum vitae. A standard resume is also acceptable.

I will be taking classes this summer. May I attend the SRSP while enrolled in other classes?
No, the Summer Research Scholars Program is a full time endeavor.

What are my options for housing if I’m not from the Twin Cities?
Please see the section about housing and meals on the opposite side of this flyer.

To whom (what name) should the letters of reference be addressed?
Letters of reference should be addressed to “Admission Committee.”

May I submit a letter of recommendation from a mentor in a research laboratory?
Letters of recommendations from a faculty mentor in a scientific laboratory are acceptable as long as the experience was recent and meaningful.

Can I submit letters of reference online?
Yes, you can either a) submit them with your other materials using the online application [z.umn.edu/lhischolarsapply], or b) have your instructor(s) upload letters via the letter submission form [z.umn.edu/lhischolarsletters].

Can letters of reference be emailed to lhi@umn.edu?
Yes; please attach the letter as a PDF document.

May I send letters of reference already used for other purposes, such as med school admission?
Yes, but keep in mind that these letters should contain pertinent information specific to the LHI Summer Research Scholars Program.

If I am currently an undergraduate, may my letters of reference be from my high school teachers?
No, letters of reference from current teachers are required.

How may an instructor submit a letter of reference to you directly?
Online: z.umn.edu/lhischolarsletters (instructors only)
Email: lhi@umn.edu
Fax: 612-301-8298
Mailing address: LHI - SRSP, 2231 6th St SE, 4-165 CCRB, Minneapolis MN 55455

My instructor is required to send a hard copy. To what address should it be sent?
The mailing address is listed in the previous answer above.