

# NIGMS RISE PROGRAM @ FIU

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES ~ RESEARCH INITIATIVE FOR SCIENTIFIC ENHANCEMENT

## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY NIGMS RISE PROGRAM

### INFORMATION

The FIU NIGMS RISE Program exists for the purpose of advancing research training in the biomedical sciences; it provides graduate and undergraduate students compensation for a yearlong work obligation in a laboratory conducting biomedical research. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) - National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), we are dedicated to increasing the number of undergraduate and graduate students from underrepresented groups in biomedical and behavioral research. It is designed to support academic success in the sciences, provide research training for graduate students matriculating at the college and assist undergraduate students enter into and successfully complete M.D./Ph.D. or Ph.D. programs.

Research travel funds are available for FIU NIGMS RISE students to attend scientific meetings & conferences each year. The program also provides \$12 per hour to undergraduates, a \$25,000 contract and annual tuition-waiver for graduate students. Other training include: research laboratory training, Responsible Conduct of Research as well as professional development workshops.

Undergraduate students may apply during their freshman, sophomore or junior years for participation in the program through their senior year. Graduate students may apply at any point during their graduate program, even before being accepted at FIU; however, if offered a position, must enroll as a full-time student.

#### DEADLINES:

- GRADUATE STUDENT: **Friday, January 27, 2017 by 5PM**
- UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT: **Friday, February 24, 2017 by 5PM**

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Undergraduate or Graduate (M.S. or Ph.D.)
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Enrolled as a full-time degree seeking student at FIU in the Biomedical, Behavioral or Health Sciences (Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Science, Public Health, Physics, Psychology, etc. majors are eligible)
- Strong desire to pursue a career in Biomedical Research (Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.)
- Be able to fully participate in the fellowship program for one (1) full academic year.

If you meet the eligibility requirements and would like to apply for the FIU NIGMS RISE Fellowship Program, please deliver or mail your complete application form and additional documents to:

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
NIGMS RISE Program Application  
11200 SW 8th St. MARC 270  
Miami, FL. 33199



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APPLICATION FORM

- 1. Last Name, First Name, Gender
2. You are currently classified as a: Undergraduate, Graduate
3. Expected date of graduation
4. Please select one: I am applying for the:
5. Social Security
6. Citizenship
7. Student Panther ID, Science GPA, Cumulative GPA
8. Date of Birth, Place of Birth
9. How Do You Identify Yourself?
10. College or University
11. Department or Program
12. Major/Minor
13. Local Address
14. Permanent Address
15. Home Telephone, Cell
16. Primary Email, Secondary Email

17. How did you hear about the FIU NIGMS RISE Program?

Web  Flyer  Class/Lecture Announcement  Email  Facebook  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Have you ever participated in a MARC U\*STAR, NIGMS (MBRS) RISE or other minority research training program in another institution?  Yes  No

Where?

When?

How Long?

19. Research Experience

College/ University: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Research Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Statement of Interest

- Attach a typewritten statement, no more than 2-3 pages double spaced and single-sided, with the following details:
  - A description of any research experience you have had or the research you would like to pursue
  - Your personal/professional, educational and career goals (how they relate to field of interest and how you feel this research experience will help you) and broader impact
  - Your plans for advanced degrees research you would like to pursue
  - Your reason(s) for applying to the FIU NIGMS RISE Program
  - Your identified FIU NIGMS RISE Faculty Mentor (if possible)

21. Copy of Unofficial FIU transcript or official transcripts from other colleges/universities attended, including current semester enrolment

22. Updated Curriculum Vitae or Resume

- Evidence of previous research experience, listing details
- List any honors, awards, special recognition or achievements
- List any clubs, extracurricular and/or community activities in which you currently participate in

23. Letters of Recommendation

Provide the names of three teachers, professors, advisors, mentors, etc. who have directly worked with you and are writing letters of recommendation to support your application.

Note – these letters of recommendation should be provided in an enclosed envelope within the complete application packet.

List below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- ✓ I understand the scope of the FIU NIGMS RISE Fellowship program and agree to participate fully in the required curricular, workshops, trainings and research activities during each semester.
- ✓ I understand that all of the information I have provided will be used by the selection committee in evaluating my application.
- ✓ I understand that my application will only be accepted if it is typed, not hand-written.
- ✓ I agree that by signing below, I am committing that all statements in this application are accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

All supporting documentation should be enclosed in ONE single packet; it may be delivered in person or mailed to the address provided below.

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