

Office of Research at the UIC College of Dentistry invites applications for the 2021 Summer Research Fellowship Program. **The College of Dentistry-sponsored Summer Research Fellowship (SRF) is available for First Year DMD students (entering in Fall 2021) and undergraduate students who are interested in Oral Health Research.** The students offered an SRF will select a mentor and conduct supervised research over an 8-week period before the start of the academic year. Projects may fall within a range of thematic areas that are all relevant to the future of oral health care. Included are craniofacial pathobiology, regenerative sciences, and clinical, translational and community health. Selected SRF students will receive a stipend which is managed through the College of Dentistry's Office of Research and the Human Resources department.

The summer program will be an 8-week program, anticipated to begin on **June 7, 2021**. Admitted students will be required to complete research projects developed specifically for their SRF program. The program involves full time commitment to the research laboratory, participation in weekly seminars and attendance at special topics seminars. The results of the research must be summarized and presented. Successful completion of significant research goals should be presented the following spring at the annual Clinic and Research day. Further opportunities to share your research findings include submission of abstracts to the American Association of Dental Research (AADR) meetings. Students with accepted abstracts enjoy additional partial support to present their findings at the annual AADR meeting.

We encourage students with past research experience and those with new interest in pursuing research to apply to one of our dental faculty research laboratories. The SRF experience introduces students to the excitement and challenges of formal research, provides for individual growth, and introduces students to the interesting world of academic dentistry and dental education.

The application process requires submission of the online application, a letter of intent describing your research interests and career goals and a letter of recommendation from science/academic/research mentor. Applications must be sent by e-mail to Ms. Amsa Ramachandran at aramach@uic.edu by Friday, **May 7, 2021**.

Important Note:

If the current situation due to COVID-19 pandemic extends to the summer months, we reserve the right to cancel the summer research program and no stipend will be issued to the selected students. In the eventuality that on site research is prohibited by the COVID-19 response in Illinois and the UIC College of Dentistry, some opportunity for closely mentored research by remote activities may be accommodated. Given the uncertain nature of this situation, we cannot make assurances that all research activities will occur.