



## **2024 Summer Research Fellowship Program – Apply by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Dear Incoming D1 students,

Greetings from the Office of Research and **Congratulations** on being accepted into the dental program of UIC College of Dentistry! We look forward to meeting you at the College! The UIC College of Dentistry Office of Research invites you to apply for the **2024 Summer Research Fellowship Program**. This fellowship provides incoming D1 students an opportunity to engage in research Oral Health Research. The students offered a Summer Research Fellowship will be matched with a mentor and conduct supervised research during a 9-week period before the start of the academic year. Projects may fall within a range of thematic areas that are relevant to the future of oral health care, including craniofacial pathobiology, regenerative sciences, and clinical, translational and community health sciences (see more at <https://dentistry.uic.edu/dentistry-research/dentistry-research-areas/>). Students selected for the Summer Research Fellowship will receive a stipend of \$4000.

The Summer Research Fellowship is a 9-week program and is anticipated to begin on Monday, June 3, 2024. Admitted students will be required to complete research projects developed specifically for their Summer Research Fellowship. The Summer Research Fellowship experience introduces students to the excitement and challenges of conducting formal research, fosters individual growth, and introduces students to the interesting world of academic dentistry and dental education. Students with past research experience and those with new interest in pursuing research are eligible to participate in the summer 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. Students in the Program will present their research projects at the College's annual Clinic and Research Day in spring 2025 and will have the opportunity to submit a research abstract for the American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) meeting. Students whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will receive additional partial support to present their findings at the annual AADOCR meeting.

The application process requires submission of an application form, a letter of intent describing the applicant's research interests and career goals, and a letter of recommendation from science/academic/research mentor. For full consideration, applications must be sent by e-mail to Ms. Amsa Ramachandran at [aramach@uic.edu](mailto:aramach@uic.edu) by **Friday, March 15, 2024.**

Best regards,

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