



Cancer Research Fellowship for Students with Disabilities

About the Program

People with disabilities are under-represented in cancer research but with mentorship, training and appropriate supports have the potential to contribute to the understanding and treatment of cancer, become leaders in science and healthcare, and enhance workforce diversity.

The UIC Cancer Research Fellowship for Students with Disabilities is a 6-week summer research exposure and enrichment program for undergraduate students with disabilities interested in social, behavioral, and biomedical cancer research. Students will receive a stipend to support participation in the summer program.

Applicant Criteria

To be considered for admission into the UIC Cancer Research Fellowship for Students with Disabilities, applicants must:

- Self-identify as a person with a disability
- Be an undergraduate student in good standing at the University of Illinois at Chicago
- Be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior
- Be able to attend all UIC Cancer Research Fellowship programs activities (June 17 through July 26, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM).^{*†}


* Reasonable accommodations to support participation will be provided

† Program activities will take place primarily at the UI Cancer Center on UIC's West Campus

UIC Cancer Fellowship for Students with Disabilities

11-15% 

Students in higher education have an identified disability

 People with disabilities are important to a diverse work force.

Federal Laws Support Inclusion

Higher Ed. Opportunities Act

2008

Americans with Disabilities Act

1990

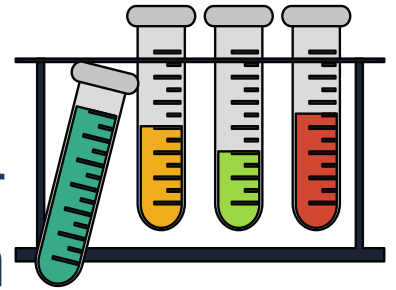


Section 504 Rehab Act

1973



People with disabilities are underrepresented in STEM Fields, including cancer research



↑ Diversity

↓ Disparities

↑ Academic success

↓ Barriers

Pipeline Programs

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This UIC Cancer Fellowship is the first cancer pipeline program for Students with Disabilities



Key Program Features

- 6-week boot camp-style research training
- Grand rounds and informal networking with top cancer and disability researchers
- Mentored cancer research experiences throughout the year
- STEM survival skills training for students with disabilities
- Community outings & engagement opportunities
- Leadership development workshops
- Near peer mentoring from graduate students with disabilities
- Quarterly fellowship meetings for ongoing support and career development



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