OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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Abstract: The focus of this presentation is to share opportunities for students at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH is the steward of medical and behavioral research for the Nation. The mission of the NIH is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone by conducting research in its own laboratories (Intramural); providing support for research conducted by scientists in universities, medical and dental schools, hospitals, and other research institutions throughout the country and abroad (Extramural); training research investigators; and fostering the communication of medical information. The NIH offers a myriad of training experiences available to students at all levels of the educational spectrum throughout its 27 institutes and centers. Within the Office of the Director at the NIH, the Office of Intramural Research, Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE) is responsible for the administration of a variety of programs and initiatives designed to support and enhance the recruitment and development of trainees in the intramural research programs at the National Institutes of Health. The OITE plans and implements a series of activities that are part of the summer research program for students at the high school, college, and pre-doctoral levels. In addition, the Intramural Loan Repayment and the Undergraduate Scholarship Programs, which are housed in the OITE, are two special initiatives enacted by Congress to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals as biomedical, behavioral and social science health-related researchers. An overview of NIH student programs will be discussed with emphasis on those designed for pre-doctoral and doctoral level students as well as the Loan Repayment Program for post doctoral candidates.

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