

CaRES Summer Cancer Research Internship Program Information for UAB Medical Students

UAB's ***Cancer Research Experiences for Students (CaRES) Program*** provides paid summer cancer research internships of 8-15 weeks for UAB medical students and graduate students in public health; for University of South Alabama medical students; for Auburn University students in veterinary medicine and pharmacy; and for Samford University pharmacy and public health students. Students who hold a letter of acceptance to any of these programs may participate in ***CaRES*** in the summer prior to enrolling in their degree program. All ***CaRES*** projects are done on the UAB campus or at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville, Alabama.

CaRES is funded by a research training grant (R25 CA076023) from the National Cancer Institute, and has supported over 640 students since its initial funding in 1999. ***Due to federal funding policies, only American citizens and permanent residents of the U.S. are eligible to participate.***

Here's how the CaRES Program works:

1. Early in each calendar year, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center faculty members and HudsonAlpha faculty members who are actively engaged in cancer research, submit descriptions of their ongoing or new cancer research projects to the ***CaRES*** website, www.uab.edu/cares.
2. Typically, 45-50 project descriptions are submitted to our website each year.
3. Interested students access the ***Internships*** page of the ***Apply to CaRES*** section of our website, and read the posted project descriptions. Students ***schedule interviews*** with the preceptors of any and all projects in which they have interest and the appropriate background and experience to perform at a high level.
4. ***Typically all CaRES students are selected by March 1, so interviews should be conducted promptly!***
5. Because more project descriptions may roll in each day from late January through February, students should check the website several times per day in order to keep up with new submissions.
6. After interviewing as many students as they wish, each ***CaRES*** Preceptor selects the student whose background and experience are the best "fit" to the project, and offers that student a ***CaRES*** position.
7. Once a faculty preceptor and a student have agreed to work together, each must email ***CaRES*** Program Director Dr. John Waterbor (h2obor@uab.edu) to claim one of our 40-45 summer cancer internship slots. The student must attach his or her CV or resume' so that program eligibility can be verified.
8. Note that, although ***CaRES*** students are selected by March 1, ***CaRES*** projects are done in the ***summer*** (May 8 – August 31, 2017) for a minimum of ***8 weeks*** and a maximum of ***15 weeks***, the duration of each internship determined by the demands of the project and the availability of the preceptor and student.
9. Each ***CaRES*** student is paid \$400 per week for 8-15 weeks for full-time effort.
10. Students cannot be enrolled in courses full-time while being paid by ***CaRES*** for full-time effort.
11. Recruitment of minority students is emphasized. Projects investigating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in cancer burden are particularly welcomed.
12. Please direct your questions or concerns to ***CaRES*** Program Director Dr. John Waterbor. Thank you!

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