



## Scholarship Opportunities for Students in the UAB Undergraduate Cancer Researchers

### *RACE<sup>21</sup>*

The UAB Center for Community OutReach Development (CORD) and UAB O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center were recently awarded a National Cancer Institute grant to support the progress of students from high school through UAB's undergraduate cancer biology programs. The scholarships will support research activities in mentored laboratories by selected students in the program. We are therefore issuing this call for applications.

#### **Scholarships will be for the following amounts:**

UAB Freshman year = \$2,000

UAB Sophomore Year = \$3,000

UAB Junior and Senior year = \$5,000

In addition, the program expects to offer an additional \$4,000 to 2 juniors and 2 seniors who win top awards at the annual poster competition for all students in the program.

All of these scholarships are in addition to any scholarships and or wages that you receive from other sources.

#### **Qualifications include**

1. Awardees must be students in good standing in their undergraduate major at UAB and maintain a 3.0 overall GPA.
2. Awardees must be actively conducting research that is related to cancer biology and be working on this in a mentored research lab at UAB. **The eligible research activities include all areas related to cancer research, e.g., bench science, patient-based research, bioinformatics, health disparities, populations science, etc.**
3. Awardees must present their results at the annual poster RACE<sup>21</sup> competition in late summer.
4. Attend monthly educational/sharing opportunities.
5. Consider assisting in CORD high school programs that create a pathway for the next generation of cancer researchers (not more than 20h/year).
6. You will also participate in NIH research to identify best practices in science education, including an annual survey and focus group sessions. We intend to track the progress of all students in the program for at least 5 years.

Preference will be given to students who are on a trajectory to a research (including clinical research) career in cancer biology. Further preference will be given to applicants from populations that are underrepresented in cancer biology research in the United States. RACE 21 participants will be expected to be part of a NIH research study that examines optimal pathways to science careers, including annual questionnaires and tracking of student's trajectories toward a research career.

**To apply for the program, fill out the attached Application Form, save it and**

**e-mail Items 1-3 to the CORD Office at**

**[ccord@uab.edu](mailto:ccord@uab.edu)**

**Please ask the school and teacher to e-mail items 4 and 5 to CORD at**

**[ccord@uab.edu](mailto:ccord@uab.edu)**

**Call us at 205-934-5171 for further information.**

**Please visit us on the web at: [www.uab.edu/cord](http://www.uab.edu/cord)**

**NOTE: Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. There is no deadline for submission; however, scholarships are limited, so apply as soon as possible.**



**RACE<sup>21</sup> Cancer Biology Research Scholarship**  
School Year 2020-2021

**Application Form**

**To be eligible for participation, applicants should:**

- Currently be a student accepted into the UAB Cancer Biology Undergraduate Major or any undergraduate engaged in cancer research or intending to so.
- Have an interest in and a demonstrated aptitude for a career in cancer research.
- Commit to pursuing cancer research in the current school year.

**You must submit a COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET which includes:**

1. The Application form below.
2. A one-page essay describing your personal and career interests as they relate to cancer research.
3. Passport size photo (head shot attached above).

**The following must be sent directly to the program by your teachers (recommendations) or administrators of the school (transcripts).**

4. Letters of recommendation from 2 teachers or instructors at your former or current high school or college (Students out of High School for >1 year, should ask at least one college faculty member to write one of the letters).
5. Transcripts indicating your progress at your current and former high school and college.

**Priority will be given to students from groups that are underrepresented in cancer research. Each Scholarship will be offered to students who successfully proceed through the undergraduate cancer biology program.**

**Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis, but to be assured of a scholarship that starts in 2021, please submit your application as soon as possible.**

**All Applications materials from you (items 1-3) must be received in one complete package at the same time. Items 4 and 5 must be directly e-mailed to the program by the school and teacher, respectively.**

**Please E-Mail application Items 1-3 to the CORD Office at**

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**Please ask the school and teacher to e-mail items 4 and 5 to CORD at**

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## **RACE<sup>21</sup> Research Scholarship Application**

**Contact Information:**

Current date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Blazer ID, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (cell): \_\_\_\_\_ (alternate): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions about you and your academic and career goals:**

1. Are you a UAB student? Yes      No
2. What year did you begin as a full-time student at UAB? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you currently in the UAB cancer biology undergraduate major? Yes      No
4. If not, have you been accepted into the cancer biology major? What is your current major?

5. Please list all Scholastic awards or honors you have received:

6. Have you carried out (are you conducting) any cancer research? If so, please describe.

7. School/community activities in which you are involved:

8. Please indicate your cancer research career interests (check all that apply).

- Basic mechanisms underlying cancer
- Research into cancer better/earlier detections
- Development of cancer treatments
- Epidemiology of Cancer
- Clinical oncology

9. What are your plans after graduation?

- Work in a research lab
- Enter graduate school in biomedical sciences (including engineering)
- Enter medical school
- Other: Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct and complete. I grant permission for information concerning my educational records to be released to UAB-CORD for the purpose of establishing eligibility to participate in this program.

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Applicant Signature

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Date:

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[ccord@uab.edu](mailto:ccord@uab.edu)

You may send in the items as a PDF or a scanned document.

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205-934-5198

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