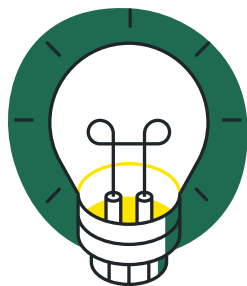


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RESEARCH IN AGING THROUGH MENTORSHIP & PRACTICE PROGRAM (RAMP-UP) 2021 APPLICATION



The UAB MHRC invites rising sophomore undergraduate students to participate in its two-year intensive eight-week Research in Aging through Mentorship and Practice (RAMP-UP) program, which takes place in June and July.

Eligible Applicants: We are accepting applications for these paid internships from undergraduate students currently entering their sophomore year of their undergraduate degree program at:

- University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
- Tuskegee (TU)
- Alabama A&M University (AAMU)
- Alabama State University (ASU)
- Oakwood University (OU) or
- Stillman College (SC)

Students must be:

- US Citizens or permanent residents
- Represent diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research on a national basis;
- Maintain a B average in all course work
- Completed their freshman year in good standing prior to the start of the research experience
- Convey their motivation to learn about and participate in research

Selected students will receive a stipend of \$480/week for 8 weeks both summers.

RAMP-UP provides activities focused on mentored research experiences and education in research regarding senior adults, aging, and health disparities research for underrepresented students in MSTEM fields and combining it with structured career planning and guidance to increase the likelihood that students will complete graduate studies and enter the research workforce.

RAMP-UP program dates are **June 7 - July 30, 2021**, and includes three components:

1. **Mentored Research Experience:** Participants will be matched with a mentor who has expertise in an area of interest to the Trainee related to aging research. The mentor will be responsible for guiding the mentee's development as a researcher.
2. **Additional Training:** Trainees will participate in 10 hours per week of additional training including in-person and web-based learning activities during the summer program.
3. **Research Project:** Trainees will continue to collect and analyze data to answer their research questions, guided by mentors and program faculty/staff.

We encourage qualified undergraduate students of all majors to apply.

All students are **required to submit:**

- Application online: [Apply Here](#)
- Additional materials via email to rampup@uabmc.edu.
 - Personal Statement
 - Unofficial Transcripts
 - Current Resume
- Two letters of recommendation sent by the recommender to rampup@uabmc.edu.
 - Should be on institutional or organizational letterhead and include a signature

To be considered for this program, students must adhere to the procedures outlined here. Applications and materials must be **submitted by Friday, April 16, 2021**. If you would like more information or assistance in completing the application, please contact us at rampup@uabmc.edu. We thank you for your interest and encourage you to return your completed application as soon as possible.

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