RESEARCH TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:
SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MINORITY STUDENTS
SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL HEART, LUNG AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in conjunction with Meharry Medical College is offering undergraduate students an 8 to 11 week training program in vascular biology. The Short Term Training Program for Minority Students will focus the considerable strengths and diversity of multidepartmental research at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Meharry Medical College, providing a meaningful research experience for minority undergraduates interested in pursuing research training and careers in vascular biology.

Training facilities include the well equipped research laboratories of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the Department of Microbiology of Meharry Medical College. The program is designed to teach contemporary research techniques and enhance essential laboratory skills. The large number of scientists participating in this program, affords students the opportunity of placement in a laboratory related to their interests. The laboratory experience will provide detailed coverage of those fundamental basics which are the underpinning of a successful performance in any research laboratory.

Formal teaching sessions are designed to cover material which is highly integrative and coupled to recent research findings and areas of activity. Combining research activities with coursework, students will gain a better grasp of research concepts and improve their critical thinking with regards to the literature and their own studies. During this program students will also participate in Workshops on Ethics in Research and on Opportunities (Careers) in Research. At the end of the training program, the students will present their research to the other students and faculty in the style of a national scientific meeting.

The Short Term Training Program for Minority Students will enable these partnering institutions to expand efforts to identify and recruit underrepresented minorities for graduate programs leading to careers in research. Multidisciplinary research training of future minority research scientists in this area is expected to be critical to discovering the new information that will lead to improved diagnosis, prevention and therapy for cardiovascular disease.

We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Send the application along with a cover letter, which identifies your objectives for participation; two letters of recommendation from faculty; and a copy of your undergraduate transcript(s).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1 AND SENT TO:

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Nashville, TN 37232-2561
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APPLICATION

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Please Print Clearly or Type

Name__________________________________________ Date of Birth____________________

Home Address______________________________________________________________

City________________________ State_________ Zip__________

Home Phone_________________________ Cell Phone___________________________

College/University______________________________

Your School Address________________________________________________________

City________________________ State_________ Zip__________

E-Mail Address(es)___________________________________________________________

Major______________________________

Your current grade (circle one):

Freshman Sophmore Junior Senior

Please note this program can only accept U.S. Citizens, U.S. Noncitizen Nationals and Permanent Residents.

Citizenship________________________________________

The Short Term Training Program is for under-represented minorites as defined by the NIH. Please check the appropriate boxes.

African-American, Black Hispanic or Latino

American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Disability (please list type)________________________________________

Disadvantaged (annual income below established low-income thresholds listed at: http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/ index.shtml. or from a social, cultural, or educational environment, such as that found in certain rural or inner-city environments, that has demonstrably and recently directly inhibited the acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career.)

Signature________________________ Date____________________

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Meharry Medical College do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or handicap.