



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Summer

Research

program

in Biological Sciences

June 2 - August 9

2008

This MIT Summer Research Program is designed to encourage talented sophomore and junior science majors, in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds, from under-represented minority groups, or first-generation college students, to pursue a Ph.D. degree in the biological and biomedical sciences.

The program is open to students with a minimum 3.5 GPA, a strong interest in basic research, and a genuine interest in attending graduate school.

All participants receive:

- On-campus housing
- A weekly stipend
- Travel expenses
- An MIT email account
- Access to the athletic facilities
- Basic health insurance.

The program is 10-weeks long, and combines an intense training in basic research with mentoring, academic seminars, social gatherings with faculty and graduate students, weekend outings, a tour of Boston and its vicinity, and cultural activities.

By the end of the program all students are required to:

- Give an oral presentation
- Give a poster presentation
- Write a 5-page research summary
- Write a personal statement
- Complete a program evaluation.

This program is funded in part by
HHMI



DEADLINE: January 30, 2008
Late applications will NOT be considered

APPLICATION FORM (Please Type or Print Clearly • All information requested is REQUIRED)

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last
 U.S. Citizen Foreign student on F-1 visa
 Permanent Resident
(if Permanent Resident or Foreign Indicate Country of Origin Above)

Social Security Number: - - Date of Birth: / / Gender: Female Male
Month Day Year (Check Appropriate)

Race/Ethnicity: Mexican American Puerto Rican Caucasian
 African American or Black Native American Hispanic: Other:
(Check One; or If "OTHER" please specify)

Current mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zipcode + 4

Cell Telephone: () Email: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State Zipcode + 4

Home Telephone: () School Telephone: ()

College or University: _____
City & State Grade Point Average: _____ out of 4.0 5.0
(Indicate GPA and Check appropriate grade scale)

Major: _____ Major 2: _____ Class as of 09/08 So Jr Sr Gr/5th Yr

Honors Program: MARC McNair
 MBRS Other : Anticipated Graduation Date: / /
(Check program(s) or indicate other if applicable) (Month / Year)

Faculty Advisor Department Head:
(Check applicable Title and enter name)

Address: _____
Street City State Zipcode + 4

Telephone: () - Email: _____

Research Areas of Interest

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurosciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bioengineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Molecular Biology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bioinformatics | <input type="checkbox"/> Genomics | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Biology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biophysics | <input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Diseases | <input type="checkbox"/> Systems Biology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunology | <input type="checkbox"/> Virology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Microbiology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computational biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Biology | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Other* _____ |

* Additional opportunities throughout the institute may be available

Have you applied to this program before? Yes / No If so, what year? _____
(Circle One)

Research Interest (Be as specific as possible)

References (At LEAST 2 faculty references are required. If you have research experience you MUST have a reference from your research supervisor)

Name/Position	School/Company	Title	Telephone	Email
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Honors, Awards and Prizes

Please Respond to the following questions on separate paper

1. Describe any prior research experience you have had in a university or on a summer job.

2. Describe your academic and career goals and how you plan to reach them. M.D. Ph.D. M.D./Ph.D. Indicate above which degree you plan to pursue

3. If you have performed less than satisfactorily in any of your classes please explain the circumstances if you wish.

4. Include an updated resume

I have included the following:

- Official Transcript (copies are not acceptable)
- Science Faculty/Researcher Reference #1 (can be send directly)
- Science Faculty/Researcher Reference #2 (can be send directly)
- Science Faculty/Researcher Reference #3 (can be send directly)
- Responses to items 1- 4 (on a seperate paper)
- List of courses being taken at time of application (on seperate paper)

Mail application with all information requested to:

Dr. Mandana Sassanfar
MIT Summer Research Program
Department of Biology
Room 68-102C
77 MAssachusetts Ave
Cambridge, MA
02139-4307



(Your application will not be considered complete until all items listed above are received.)

Applicant's Signature

Date:



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NOTE: At least one recommendation should be from a faculty who can assess your ability to work in a laboratory

FACULTY EVALUATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Name

First

Middle

Last

Email

Phone ()

If you wish to waive the right to examine this evaluation at a later date, please sign below.

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Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY EVALUATOR

An application for admission to the MIT Summer Research Program In Biology requires evaluations from at least two faculty members who are capable of judging the professional and academic promise of the applicant.

Please return both this form and a separate evaluation on letterhead in a **sealed envelope**, with your **signature written across the seal**, in time for the applicant to meet the following deadline: **January 30, 2008. The Evaluation should be returned to:**

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Cambridge, MA 02139**

Evaluator's Name

(Please Print or Type)

Title

Address

(College/University, Office and Street Address)

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

How long have you known the applicant?

How does this applicant compare with her or his peer group in academic ability?

Truly exceptional

equivalent to the best you have known - a person who, in your experience, appears

Outstanding

Comparable to the best student

Well above average

Top 25%

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Demonstrated high ability

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