The NIH High School Student Research Programs offer positions in productive basic and clinical research laboratories at the University of Arizona College of Medicine (Arizona Health Sciences Center). Students who are financially, educationally, and/or socially disadvantaged are paid the minimum federal hourly wage for 40 hours a week for the duration of the program. As in previous years, 20-25 high school students will be incorporated into the Medical Student Research Fellowship Summer Program, thereby stimulating interactions with “big brother” and “big sister” medical students and also with medical faculty mentors and Visiting Professors conducting bi-weekly research seminars throughout the summer. Our hope and expectation is to attract the best and brightest disadvantaged students to the University of Arizona as undergraduates where some will continue their research and ultimately enter the College of Medicine and other professional and graduate programs.

The Review Committee will consider high school students (particularly juniors) with 3.0 (B) or better cumulative GPAs, two outstanding letters of recommendation from their science teachers, guidance counselors, and/or principals, and additional evidence of research experience or inventiveness, such as science fair exhibits. A one-to-two-page essay on “Why I love science and what the summer medical research apprenticeship will mean to me” should be attached to the enclosed application form. In addition, students will need to provide summary information justifying their financially, educationally, and/or socially disadvantaged status. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have a permanent Visa AND have a Social Security Number.

The application deadline is Monday, January 22, 2018. Our Review Committee will screen applications and will invite semi-finalists for interviews on Saturday, February 17, 2018 (Tucson campus). Students will be notified of interview results within 2 weeks.

At the conclusion of the summer, all participants will deliver a brief oral presentation about their research in a special seminar and will submit a three-to-four page summary report of their progress.

The 2018 summer program begins Monday, June 4, 2018 and ends Friday, July 20, 2018. Students are expected to work full-time (Mon.-Fri., 40 hrs. a week) for the entire period. No attendance exceptions will be made, and a fellowship will be terminated automatically if days are missed for reasons other than unexpected illness or death of a family member.

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APPLICATION FORM

The 2018 Summer Institute On Medical Ignorance

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK (Please complete ALL blanks).

Name __________________________ Date of Birth ________  Check one: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Mailing Address________________________

City __________________________ County ________ State ________ Zip Code ________

Home Phone __________________________ Cell Phone ________

E-mail (please print) __________________________ Soc. Sec. No. ________

School __________________________ District ________

Year of Graduation ________ GPA (Cumulative) ________

Number of dependents supported by parents/guardians: ________

Highest level of education attained by parents/guardians: ________

Ethnic Status: ☐ Alaskan Native ☐ Amer. Indian ________ (tribal affiliation) ☐ Asian ☐ Black, not of Hispanic origin

☐ Hispanic ☐ Pacific Islander ☐ White, not of Hispanic origin ☐ Other (explain) ________

Career Goals (one additional page may be attached): __________________________

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Previous research ideas, science exhibits, or other special talents (one additional page may be attached):

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Checklist of required information to complete application is on page two of application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

All application materials should be mailed to:
Grace S. Wagner, Program Manager
Student Research Programs, The University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Room 4402K
Department of Surgery, P.O. Box 245200, Tucson, AZ 85724-5200

Phone: (520) 626-6360 Fax: (520) 626-0822 E-mail: grace@surgery.arizona.edu Web: www.ignorance.medicine.arizona.edu
Checklist of Required Information to Complete Application:

- Completed application form (application page 1)
- Your personal statement of disadvantaged status (application page 3)
- A one-to-two page student essay (typed double-spaced or legibly written in black ink) on the following inclusive topic: “Why I love science and what a summer medical research apprenticeship will mean to me.”
- Two letters of recommendation from high school science teachers, guidance counselor, and/or principal (one letter MUST be from science teacher)
- An official copy of your high school transcript (must be signed and validated with school seal’’)
- Applicant release form (application page 4)

Note: Incomplete application packets will not be evaluated by Review Committee.

Optional supplementary materials:

- Supporting documentation of your disadvantaged status, if available

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Personal Statement of Disadvantaged Status
(Required of ALL applicants)

Please provide a personal statement describing why you believe you are at a disadvantage in comparison with your peers, and check all boxes that describe your disadvantaged status.

- Financially (for example, free or reduced lunch, low income, single-parent household, etc.)
- Educationally (for example, rural community, limited availability of resources, etc.)
- Socially (for example, first generation to go to college, English as a second language, etc.)

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One additional double-spaced page may be added.
(If available, please also submit supporting documentation of your disadvantaged status.)

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I understand that the NIH NCRR Translating Translation and Scientific Questioning in the Global K-12 Community, under the auspices of The University of Arizona College of Medicine, Medical Student Research Program, DOES NOT provide transportation to and from The University of Arizona for program participants. Limited housing is available for out of town students. I also understand that if my son/daughter is selected as a participant in this program, I will be held totally responsible for his/her actions and physical well-being outside of normal work hours for the duration of this apprenticeship program.

__________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Parent and/or Guardian                   Date

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Out of Town Students ONLY (please check one)

☐ Local housing will be required   ☐ Local housing will NOT be required

If local housing is NOT required, please provide the Tucson address and phone number where the student will reside:

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Tucson Phone Number: __________________________