

**Magee-Womens Research Institute**  
**2012 Summer Internship Program for High School Students**  
**Application Form – Postmark deadline Saturday, March 31, 2012**

If you are interested in applying for a summer intern position in the Magee-Womens Research Institute High School Summer Internship Program, please submit the following **four** items:

**You have the option of filling out this paper application form or going onto our website and filling out the information electronically.** <http://www.mwrif.org/29/high-school-interns>

- The Application Form, completed by the student. (Can be downloaded from the website.)
- A personal statement of approximately one page discussing your science background, career goals, and expectations for a summer research experience. (Completed by the student.) **This is a major factor in the selection process.**
- A total of two letters of recommendation. (Can copy and paste into online application form or submit paper copies.) Preferably from science teacher(s) and/or guidance counselor(s). The recommendation forms or letters of recommendation are both acceptable.

The High School Summer Internship Program provides *current high school juniors and seniors* with the opportunity to participate in basic or clinical research projects with the goal of promoting interest in biomedical research as a potential career. This is a highly competitive program and less than 20% of the students applying will be chosen.

Since its inception in 1995, over 174 high school students have successfully completed the program. Students hail from both local public and private schools.

During the summer internship program, students attend weekly scientific seminars to enhance their knowledge of the different aspects of research, particularly that relating to women and infants' health. In addition, they attend informal lunch meetings where junior and senior investigators discuss biomedical science as a career. At the end of the program, the students present their work via a PowerPoint presentation to the other participants as well as to MWRI faculty and their associates.

This internship is a full-time program. The students work with investigators for a four-week period (40 hours a week). The start and end dates of the program are flexible (between May and August) and are coordinated between the investigator and the student. Students will be paid minimum wage.

A work permit will be needed if the student is less than 16 years of age and/or never held a job. An application can be obtained at your school office. Please inquire about the process before the end of the school year.

*We do not provide housing or other residential assistance. Out of state students should include information of their intended living arrangements with their personal statement. Work permits need to be obtained from Pennsylvania.*

**For the Applicant to Complete:** (Please print clearly.)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student is currently: a Junior \_\_\_\_\_ a Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions are used to capture demographic data of the program applicants. We would appreciate your response. *Minority status is not a condition of acceptance.*

What is your race? (Please circle all that apply.)

African American	Alaskan Native	American Indian
Asian	Caucasian	Hispanic
Middle Eastern	Pacific Islander	Other

Do you have a disability? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you come from a disadvantaged background? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your primary research interest. This may help us to identify which lab or investigator you would be best paired with to facilitate your experience.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to:**  
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