1. What distinguishes SRTP from other summer research programs?

The Mass General Hospital ("MGH") SRTP is unique for many reasons:

- Personalized research experience:
  - Once accepted to the program, we work diligently to match students with an MGH based researcher in one of the student's top three areas of interest.
  - Offers opportunity to conduct novel research in a vast variety of biomedical science and health policy research areas
- Hospital based:
  - MGH is the largest HMS teaching hospital and the #1 NIH funded academic medical center in the country
  - This year MGH was named top hospital in America by U.S. News & World Report
- Structured program curriculum:
  - Weekly faculty-led didactic, career development, and leadership sessions
  - Individual mentorship, guiding students towards next step in their careers
  - Scientific communication via abstract writing and final presentation of research project
  - Social outings to Red Sox and New England Revolution games
  - Networking with residents, fellows, faculty and MGH Youth Scholars
  - Location: free housing in Boston's historic Beacon Hill neighborhood, next to the hospital
  - Program valued at > $7,000.00

ELIGIBILITY

2. Who is considered underrepresented in medicine and in the biomedical sciences?

Recently the National Institute of Health (NIH) released a diversity statement encouraging institutions to prioritize opportunities in biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences for individuals from groups identified as underrepresented. Based on national data analyzed by the National Science Foundation, the following racial and ethnic groups have been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research and health-related sciences: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

For the purposes of SRTP, MGH follows the definition of underrepresented in medicine and biomedical research (URM) of the NIH and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). URM groups may include Latino/Hispanic (including Brazilian), African-American/Black, American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaskan Natives, among others. Please note that Asians are not considered URM, UNLESS they are underrepresented relative to the population MGH serves, e.g., Cambodian or Laotian.

Sources: AAMC and the National Science Foundation

3. I'm Pakistani/Indian/Middle Eastern/White/Eastern European/East Asian. Am I eligible?

While we accept all applications, the program is rooted in the mission of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) – formerly the Multicultural Affairs Office (MAO) - and aims to reach URM students, as defined above in paragraph 2.

4. Do you consider someone from a low socioeconomic background and/or disabled to be underrepresented in medicine?

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5. Level of education / training eligibility: Yes or No
a. If I am in one of the categories below, am I eligible to apply?

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6. Can a non-US citizen apply?
Eligibility requires applicants to be a US citizen or a permanent resident.

7. I’m not eligible for SRTP because I am college freshman or sophomore. Can you suggest any other summer programs?
A number of other Harvard affiliated summer programs with different eligibility requirements can be found by clicking on: Harvard Summer Research Programs.

8. Is there a minimum GPA required?
We select the SRTP cohort through a holistic review process. While there is no minimum GPA, the national pool of applicants is very competitive.

Applications: Recommendation letters, Medical School Letter of Good Standing, and Transcript(s)

9. How do I apply?
Apply online by clicking: 2016 SRTP Online Application

10. Should letters of recommendation be from science professors only?
No, not necessarily. They can be from faculty members, laboratory advisors, or academic mentors who have worked closely with you.

11. In the online application you ask me to name my recommenders and provide their email. If I am a medical student you ask for institutional information. Does this mean SRTP contacts them directly?
No, this is your responsibility. Please provide your recommenders and administrators (if in medical school) with this link to UPLOAD their letters: 2016 SRTP Recommendation or Medical School Letter of Good Standing.

All letters must be signed, on official letterhead, and uploaded as a pdf.

12. Do you accept online management programs for official transcripts?
Yes. Your school administrator must send these to our email: srtp@mgh.harvard.edu.

13. Can I just email you a copy of my grades?
No, we require official transcripts from your schools. Most schools do provide electronic transcripts that arrive in our inbox with a security code.

14. Can my supplemental materials be sent in BEFORE I complete my online application?
Yes. Although we prefer that you complete your online application before sending supplemental materials, we will accept these materials BEFORE only if you complete the first section of your application. Without this section we are unable to match letters and transcripts with your application or contact you.

15. My medical school does not issue transcripts. What should I do?
Please have your administrator UPLOAD a letter of good standing via this link: 2016 SRTP Recommendation or Medical School Letter of Good Standing. This document is acceptable in lieu of a medical school transcript.

ADMITTED STUDENTS
Housing

16. Where do students live?
Housing is provided to the student at no cost and is just a hop, skip and a jump away (literally) from MGH! For more details please visit: Beacon Hill Lodging. Housing for the summer in Beacon Hill is valued at over $3,000.

17. What is in a student’s room?
Some of the items included are:
- Wireless internet (WiFi), Satellite television
- Refrigerator, microwave, sink (no kitchen)
- Twin size bed, dresser
- Shared Bathrooms
- Coin laundry facilities in management building
- On-site property manager and maintenance

Funding and Travel Reimbursement

18. Are SRTP students funded and if so, what does the funding cover?
SRTP is funded by hospital sources and does receive any federal grants. Students are provided with a one-time stipend of $4000 during the first weeks of the program. This is intended to cover daily expenses, including food. Please consider your banking options for depositing your stipend as not all banks are represented in Boston.

If you are funded by a federal grant at your home institution (MARC for example), you are still eligible to participate in SRTP. This does not mean you receive more funding than the other students. We split the difference with your college in order to reach the $4,000.

19. Do you pay for travel to and from Boston?
We have a set amount of funds to help those in financial need with their travel expenses. In order to be considered, students must provide a written statement of request and their most current FAFSA.

20. Is there a meal plan?
While no meal plan is available, there is a grocery store near by, as well as a farmers market and many affordable dining options near your housing. Meals are always provided during the weekly didactic sessions, as well as at other special CDI sponsored events during the summer.

PROGRAM DETAILS

21. Where can students find information about previous SRTP projects and potential research areas at MGH?
Information about former participants and their projects is available on our website. Information about all MGH research can be found online: MGH Research Institute.

22. Do I need to attend the full eight weeks?
Yes, EIGHT WEEKS ARE MANDATORY. We understand some medical schools extend longer than the start date of Monday, June 15th or start earlier than the last day of Thursday, August 4th. In these cases, we may be able to accommodate your schedule upon request (while still completing 8 weeks of research). Otherwise, we expect all students to start on June 13th and end on August 4th.

23. Is orientation mandatory?
Yes, there is a REQUIRED ORIENTATION on Monday, June 13, 2016. During this first day of your summer experience we cover an extensive amount of important information, as well as host panels with former students and faculty. Please note that prior to orientation; you will have to complete mandatory MGH paperwork.

24. Is prior research experience required?
No previous research experience is required for admission to SRTP.

25. I want to work with a specific faculty member. Should I identify them in my research interest section?
We encourage students to NOT identify a specific researcher by name. Please focus more on describing your top areas of scientific inquiry. We work diligently on matching students and preceptors in an effort to find the best
learning environment for the student over the summer. Additionally, please do not contact specific researchers/physician-scientists on your own.