

Dear interested Mercer student,

The following letter outlines the dates, payment, and some general contractual terms of the Mercer Undergraduate Biomedical Scholars (MUBS) Training Program. Upon receipt of your application for admission, our review committee will determine whether we feel you would be an important contributor to this interdisciplinary effort.

Dates: You will report to work all **weekdays** that summer school is in session. The beginning of your work commitment will be the morning of **Tuesday, May 26**. There will be an orientation and a review of your contract to be held that morning. Work will proceed for the following ten weeks until your final day of work **Friday, July 31**. There is one holiday built into the summer schedule that will provide you with a day's vacation on **Friday, July 3** in observance of Independence Day.

In addition to your summer works schedule, participating in the summer program will include formal presentation of your work at the 2009 Undergraduate Research Colloquium to be held on the Mercer Macon campus during the Fall, 2009 semester. Date to be announced. Note that this is not an optional event, your acceptance to participate during the summer program indicates your acceptance to present your work during the fall Colloquium.

Payment: Your payment for this period of time will be **\$3500**. These funds will be paid as a stipend and not a salary. Thus there will be **no benefits** (insurance and retirement) associated with these funds. You will receive payment in three equal amounts at the end of each month (May, June, and July). Housing for this program will be provided through campus residence halls as for any summer school student. If you choose to find your own housing in Macon or Atlanta, there will be no reimbursement of those housing costs.

General Terms: As a participant in Mercer's Biomedical Scholar Training Initiative you will be expected to **keep full-time hours** (40 per week). The exact time-in and time-out will be decided by your faculty mentor. The primary assignment will be to advance the goals of the research being conducted in your mentor's lab. Participating students are also prohibited from taking summer courses. This ensures there will be no conflicts with the duties you are required to fulfill in the laboratory. Failure to meet the specific requirements of the program or your faculty mentor may, in extreme cases, result in termination of your contract.

Additional questions should be directed to Dr. David Aiello in the Department of Biology (x2577; aiello_dp@mercer.edu) or Dr. Bridget Trogden in the Department of Chemistry (x2753; trogden_bg@mercer.edu).

Sincerely,

The MUBS Selection Committee 2009