**Microbiology and Immunology Department Scholars Program Application**

The Microbiology and Immunology Department Scholars (MIDS) Program is an undergraduate research initiative established by the Graduate Program of Microbiology and Immunology (PMI) at the University of Pittsburgh. The aim of the MIDS Program is to provide research experience, career development and mentoring to undergraduate students who have not previously considered a career in or had opportunities for hands-on researchin preparation for graduate-level education and careers in the biomedical sciences (MD, PhD, MD/PhD).

Eligible students must have a strong interest in microbiology or immunology. In addition, students must:

* Commit a minimum of 10-15 hrs/week (**3-4hr blocks at a time**) to research for 10 weeks per semester.
* Be ≥ 18 years of age and currently enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, or Chatham University.
* Have completed at least 2 semesters of undergraduate coursework.
* Have excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.

The program lasts 2 school years (4 semesters) and to be eligible candidates must have 2+ years remaining of undergraduate coursework.

Applications accepted for Fall and Spring semesters. Please compile the following application materials and **email the completed application to cak94@pitt.edu with the title “MIDS Program Application”.**

1. Personal Information

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| Name: |  |
| Student ID#: |  |
| Major: |  |
| Anticipated Graduation Date: |  |
| How did you hear about us? |   |
| Research Interests:***Select up to 3*** |  Molecular Virology Immunology of Barrier Surfaces  Microbial Pathogenesis Tumor Immunology Bioengineering Antibiotic Resistance Systems Immunology Genetics Microbial Evolution Transplantation Immunology  Cancer Virology Immunology of Infectious Disease Autoimmunity Basic Immunologic Mechanisms |
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In addition, please provide the following documents:

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Class schedule for the semester you are applying for **with blocks of time available for research highlighted (must be at least 10 hrs per week with 3-4 hr blocks of time available).**
3. 1 letter of reference (Referee should email letter directly to cak94@pitt.edu
4. Curriculum vitae/resume that includes all extracurricular activities, employment positions, and additional commitments, including clubs.
5. In addition, please provide the following short personal statements:
	1. 500-words or less on your interest in biomedical research and your career goals
	2. 300-words on why participation in this program will help your career goals.
	3. 300-words on why you only recently considered a career in research or how limitations in your background have restricted your ability to pursue research opportunities.
6. \*\*\*\*Once you submit your application, our program coordinator will send you a list of dates and times for a 30 min in person interview with two student mentors. Interviews will take place at The Assembly Building, 5051 Center ave. Dates for interviews are
* Thursday Sept 4th
* Friday Sept 5th
* Monday Sept. 8th
* Tuesday Sept 9th

For more information on the MIDS Program visit: <http://www.pmi.pitt.edu/research/mid-scholars-program>or Contact our Director, Dr. Amanda Poholek (poholeka@pitt.edu)

 Contact our Program Coordinator, Candice Kuo (cak94@pitt.edu)

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