TEMRAP: Texas Emergency Medicine Research Associates Program

The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

Please note that you will need to be accepted into the program and register for the associated course using a permission code to receive UT Dallas course credit for TEMRAP for the 2019-2020 academic year. Please contact TEMRAP@utsouthwestern.edu with any questions you might have about the program.

This Research Practicum at UT Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW), through the Department of Emergency Medicine, allows qualified UTD students to participate in clinical research projects conducted within the Emergency Department (ED) at Parkland Hospital and William P. Clements, Jr, University Hospital. Prior to placement in clinical settings, students are fully credentialed to conduct research at the two hospitals and at UT Southwestern. This program allows students to interact with physicians, residents and medical students as well as patients in the ED. If accepted, students should plan to participate in TEMRAP for at least two semesters to fully complete the program. UTD offers 3 semester elective credits for this course. The course may be repeated for elective credit, up to four semesters. Re-application, UTD and UTSW approval is required each semester. Returning students are eligible for one of the following student leadership roles: Chief Research Associate (RA), Vice Chief RA, Head Trainer, and Trainer.

BIOL 3V15 – Research Practicum (TEMRAP)

Course Description

Students must complete at least one two-hour shift per week including two pod shifts per month and two lobby shifts per month. Only two students are allowed to be scheduled per pod shift and four students will be scheduled per lobby shift.

Pod shifts consist of:

1. Interacting with clinical staff
2. Identifying potentially eligible patients to enroll in studies and paging research team
3. Recruiting, consenting, and enrolling in the studies for which students received training
4. Interacting with patients

Lobby shifts consist of:

1. Interacting with the patients in the lobby
2. Interacting with triage nurse as needed
Eligibility

Please note: Since credentialing is an extensive and time consuming process, this program is designed for students who are seriously pursuing a career in medicine.

A successful applicant will have:

- Upper division standing with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Serious interest in pursuing a career in medicine
- Good time management skills
- Skills to communicate effectively and comfortably face-to-face

Documents required to be submitted with your application:

The following will need to be uploaded into your application. Please scan the documents in PDF form. Make sure student name and document description is noted in the title under which you save the scanned PDF before uploading: (Example: Doe, Jane-Flu Shot documentation)

- CV/Resume
- UTD Unofficial Transcript
- Flu Shot documentation - must be for 2018-2019 season
- Current Immunization record – Records must be clear and legible and include
  - 3 dates of HepB
  - 2 dates of MMR
  - 2 dates of Varicella/Varivax or 1 date and proof of a titer test
  - 1 date of Tdap (not to be confused with DTaP). If Tdap is expired i.e. last administration was 10 years prior, student must provide proof of Td booster.

Recommendations

Only one recommendation is required for this program. Enter the name and email address of your recommender in your online application. Once an application is submitted, the recommender will receive a system-generated email containing a link to submit their comments. Applicants will be notified when their recommendation is submitted. **NOTE: The recommender will only receive their link once you have SUBMITTED your online application. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLY! Give them enough time to submit their recommendation prior to the April 15th application deadline.**

Required Supplemental Materials

The following will be required upon your acceptance into the program. Be prepared to submit all of the information below by the date specified on your admission letter/email. No exceptions.

1. Substance abuse panel 10 drug screen
2. Criminal background check (UTSW will process)
3. Mantoux TB skin test or IGRA (T-spot or Quantiferon)
   Must be current for your semester—they are only good for 1 year.


**TEMRAP Frequently Asked Questions**

- What elements are required to be submitted with the application by the application deadline?
- When does the application become available?
- What major should I choose when applying?
- How do I check on the status of my application?
- Who will request my recommendation?
- Is there an advantage to submitting the application early?
- How do I know if my recommendation has been received by the TEMRAP office?
- When will I be notified if I am accepted?
- How many participants are accepted?

**TEMRAP Program Continuation**

Accepted TEMRAP students must maintain:

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.50;
- Meet all deadlines for the application and credentialing requirements;
- Acceptable performance during all TEMRAP shifts

**Contact TEMRAP**

If you have further questions, please email TEMRAP@utsouthwestern.edu.

**About the TEMRAP Partnering Institutions**

**UT Dallas** - The University of Texas at Dallas has a distinguished history of innovative scientific research, ground-breaking, investigative collaborations, and numerous endorsements from prominent medical schools. The exceptional quality of our students, our rigorous educational programs and our outstanding faculty all contribute to an environment centered on learning and discovery. UT Dallas enrolls approximately 20,000 students in eight schools and offers almost 125 diverse degree programs at bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels.

**UT Southwestern** - As one of the premier medical centers in the nation, UT Southwestern trains the physicians, medical scientists and healthcare professionals of the future, training nearly 4,400 students, residents and postdoctoral fellows each year. UT Southwestern Medical Center and its affiliated
hospitals provide inpatient care to nearly 100,000 people and approximately 1.9 million outpatient visits annually. In addition, UT Southwestern is one of the foremost research facilities in the world, with its four Nobel Laureates and 19 members of the National Academy of Sciences. It conducts more than 3,500 research projects annually totaling more than $406 million.