

NIH Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) Application Webinar

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Agenda

- **Comments from MRSP Donors**
- **Program Overview**
- **MRSP Administrative Topics and Application Process**
- **Q&A (send inquiries to mrsp@nih.gov)**
- **Scholar Panel**
- **Q&A**

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Program Overview

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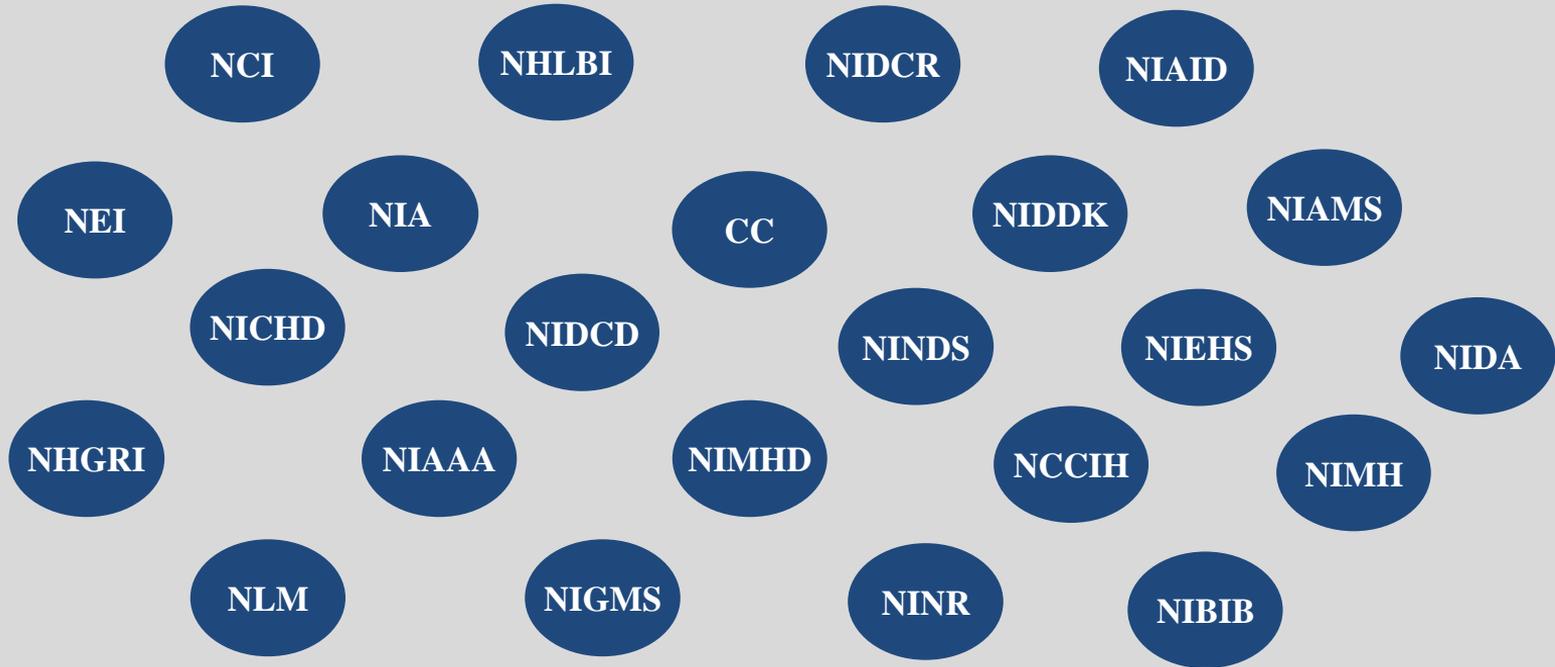


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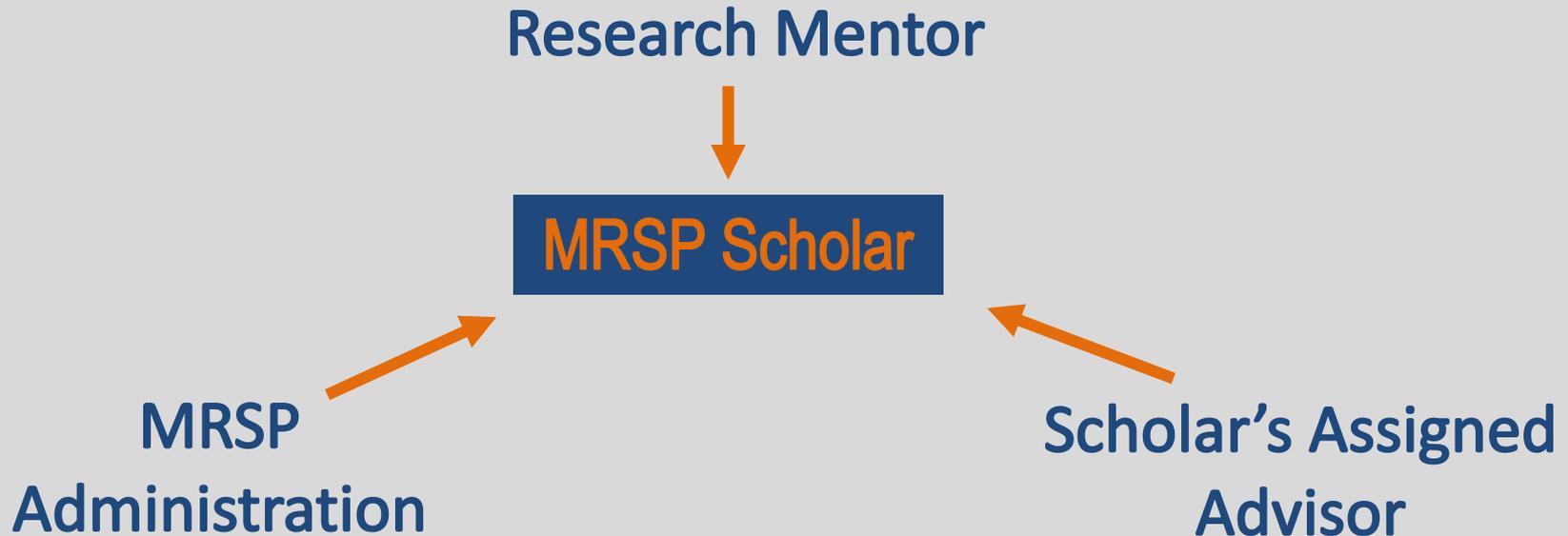
- **A comprehensive, year-long residential research enrichment program for medical, dental, and veterinary students**
- **Located on the NIH Intramural Research campus in Bethesda, MD**
- **Co-sponsored by the NIH and private partners via contributions to the Foundation for the NIH**
- **Scholars are engaged in a mentored basic, translational, or clinical research project in an area that matches their personal interests and career/ research goals**

Unique and Broad Opportunity to Explore Scientific and Clinical Interests



Scholar Guidance

- The MRSP provides each scholar with longitudinal mentorship beyond their PI



Advisors and Mentors

- **Advisor**
 - Oversees the Scholar's training
 - Helps to identify a research Mentor
 - Offers guidance and career counseling
- **Research mentors**
 - Selected before or shortly after arrival
 - Oversees research project
 - Approximately 350 available NIH mentors

MRSP Program Curriculum

- Lecture presentations highlighting the continuum of scientific discovery
- Training in the understanding of clinical protocol development and the conduct of human subjects research
- Journal Club presentations by the Scholars
- Focused clinical teaching rounds with patients participating in research protocols at the NIH Clinical Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Process of Discovery</i>		<i>Great Teachers Breakfast</i> <i>Journal Club</i>	<i>Clinical Teaching Rounds</i>	



MRSP Class of 2016-2017

Administrative Topics and Application Process

Tonya Shackelford and Kenny Williams
MRSP Administrators

MRSP Benefits

- 12-month stipend (approximately \$34,400)
- Relocation expenses to and from Bethesda
- Residential housing on or proximal to NIH campus
 - Rental fee paid by students
- Education Stipend (\$2000)
 - Domestic conference travel
 - Tuition support for scientific courses and textbooks
- Health insurance

2017-2018 Application Timeline

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
October 1	Application Opens
January 13	Application Deadline
Mid February	Notification of Selection for Interview
March 6	MRSP Interviews (on the NIH campus)
Mid - March	Notification of Selection to Participate
March 24	Uniform Deadline to Accept Offer (MRSP, HHMI, Sarnoff, and Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowship)
July - August	Students Begin Program Participation

MRSP Eligibility Criteria

- **Medical students generally participate after completing their initial clinical rotations (3rd year)**
- **Dental and veterinary students generally participate after 2nd or 4th year, due to integrated nature of clinical years**
- **Students who have completed their 1st year are eligible to apply**
- **U.S. citizens or permanent residents**
- **Good standing in medical, dental, or veterinary school**

MRSP Eligibility Criteria (cont'd)

- Approval from Dean of Student Affairs
- Prior research experience is desirable but not required
- Applicants in their 4th year who are selected must make arrangements with their school to defer graduation until completion of MRSP
- 4th year students participating in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) are ineligible for the MRSP

MRSP Application Process

- Applicants apply on-line. Application consists of:
 - **Cover letter/personal statement**
 - **Curriculum Vitae**
 - **Three letters of recommendation**
 - **Dean of Student Affairs or equivalent**
 - **Two professional references**
 - **Transcript from medical/ dental/ veterinary school**
 - **Transcript from undergraduate institution**

General Tips for a Successful Application

- Strong personal statement articulating why you want to participate in the MRSP, including past experiences (personal, clinical, research) that led to this decision, and future career plans
- The three best letters of recommendation possible; ensure your two professional references are from people who can speak to your success and attributes

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Q&A

Scholar Panel



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Q&A

Thank You

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- Please email inquiries about MRSP to mrsp@nih.gov