ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must:

• Have completed a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of an overall 3.0 GPA and a 3.3 science GPA.

• Demonstrate high motivation and potential to become a basic scientist with a goal of attaining a MD, MD-PhD or PhD.

• Be representative of the following racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the health professions and the sciences: Black, Hispanic, Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander who meet all the eligibility criteria and have a high probability of fulfilling the social and educational goals of this program.

• Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit an official transcript from each college or university attended.
2. Provide two letters of recommendation, at least one from a science instructor.
3. Submit official score reports for SAT (or equivalent), ACT, and/or MCAT or GRE.
5. Submit a personal statement within the online application following the directions given, describing your background, talents, motivations and other factors that have shaped your career goals in medicine or science.
6. Submit an essay within the online application following the directions given on the CICATS website demonstrating your interest, including previous research experience or exposure, in pursuing careers as scientists and/or scholars in the biological and biomedical sciences.
7. Submit an essay containing a five-year, future plan that clearly outlines your intentions related to academic pursuits and career goals.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants to the Young Innovative Investigator Program must apply for admission to the Graduate Certificate of Research Experience in Biomedical Science program at UConn and should follow the application guidelines and requirements outlined in detail on the YIIP page of the CICATS website, http://cicats.uconn.edu/yiip.

Deadline to submit an application

April 4, 2016

Announcement of YIIP scholarship recipients

Early May 2016

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PURPOSE

Under the direction of Dr. Linda Barry, Assistant Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Connecticut Institute of Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS), the aim of the Young Innovative Investigator Program (YIIP) is to develop the next generation of innovative biomedical scientists by providing academic training to individuals dedicated to pursuing careers as scientists and scholars in biological and biomedical science.

The program is specifically focused on recruiting underrepresented minority students to contribute towards developing a sustainable pipeline to increase diversity among the pool of academic scientists.

YIIP provides tools for scholars to conduct research, succeed in an academic environment, and become competitive candidates for medical school or graduate school.

Scholarships are available to individuals accepted into the program.

OVERVIEW

One to two year, full-time program for college graduates prepared to complete graduate level coursework and conduct supervised research in biomedical laboratories on the UConn Health campus.

Individualized mentorship, academic support, and career guidance.

This is NOT a post-baccalaureate program. The applicant must be prepared to complete graduate level scientific coursework.

Option to obtain a Graduate Certificate of Research Experience in Biomedical Science in year one, and to pursue a Master of Science degree in year two.

YIIP Scholars will acquire the expertise necessary to obtain a MD, MD-PhD or PhD.