

# LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY-NIH INITIATIVE FOR MAXIMIZING STUDENT DEVELOPMENT (IMSD)

The LLU-NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) program, funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences at NIH, provides comprehensive and continuous support to participating students, enhancing their timely completion of the Ph.D. degree and successful transition into postdoctoral careers.



## OPPORTUNITIES

- Scientific Writing Workshops
- Health Disparities Training
- Individual Development Plan (IDP)
- Mentorship and Leadership Growth
- Oral Presentation Skills Development
- Career Building Workshops

## PROGRAM GOAL

The primary objective of the IMSD program is to enhance the research training environment at LLU and increase the number of highly skilled scientists with Ph.D. degrees who participate in the biomedical workforce.



## BENEFITS

- Access to highly qualified research mentors
- Full support (tuition and research assistantship)
- Support to attend national scientific meetings
- Participation in peer mentoring activities



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## RESEARCH AREAS

Cancer Biology  
Autoimmune and Infectious Diseases  
Cerebrovascular biology  
Signal Transduction  
Osteoporosis  
Radiation Biology  
Bioinformatics

Diabetes  
Neuroscience  
Space Biology and Physiology  
Bone Development  
Musculoskeletal Diseases  
Health Disparities  
Perinatal research

# APPLY TODAY!



## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Apply to the Integrated Biomedical Graduate Studies (IBGS) Program at Loma Linda University.
2. Once accepted into the IBGS program, submit an IMSD application, including an essay (maximum of two pages) explaining your reasons for wanting to participate in the IMSD program and your future career goals.

## ABOUT LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

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Loma Linda University (LLU) is a health-sciences institution with more than 4,500 students located in Southern California. More than 100-degree programs are offered by the schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, Religion and Behavioral Health. LLU's leadership in health care includes a large network of clinics and teaching hospitals available for research in multiple areas, including health disparities, to improve the health of our local and global underserved communities.

## ABOUT THE CENTER FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES AND MOLECULAR MEDICINE

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The mission of the LLU Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine (CHDMM) is to eliminate health disparities through education, biomedical research, and community engagement. The CHDMM supports research on health disparities in cancer, neurological diseases, diabetes, obesity, and other conditions. These research activities work collaboratively with its educational research training programs. The CHDMM is supported by the Loma Linda School of Medicine, grants from the National Institutes of Health, and private donors.

## MORE INFORMATION

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CHDMM Website  
<https://medicine.llu.edu/chdmm>

IMSD Faculty  
<https://medicine.llu.edu/chdmm/about/imsd-faculty>

IBGS Program  
<https://medicine.llu.edu/research/graduate-programs>