

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
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MTP
MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM
STUDENT SUMMER INFORMATION MANUAL

SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM
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MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

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Congratulations! You have entered a very competitive program in which only very few students are selected to participate based on their interest in the basic sciences and disadvantaged communities. For this reason, please keep in mind you are representing your institution and department in the MTP this summer and you are also representing this summer program within Loma Linda University's campus. You may be working along other students from other universities which represent a different schools and focus.

During this summer, you will learn about determinants of health, how health disparities diseases affect communities across the United States, and understand their causes and how to address them. You may be working among students from other colleges/universities and high schools and although their ideas and perspective may differ from yours, do not let that keep you from sharing some of your interests.

Within this manual, you will find information that will be useful to you and your parents/guardians as you plan your summer. **Please read the manual, sign the last sheet, and bring it with you to Orientation.** Also, feel free to call the office or email us if you have any questions.

We extend a warm **WELCOME** to you and look forward to getting to know you and watching you excel in the work you will accomplish this summer.

PROGRAM DATES

The MTP runs for eight weeks, from Monday, June 17 – Thursday, August 8, 2019. You are required to be in your labs and at other assigned seminars and workshops Monday through Friday. If you have a special request or a specific *major* conflict, please email Mrs. Daniela Soto, dsoto-wilder@llu.edu, as soon as you become aware of your conflicting obligation. Attendance in your labs, workshops, and seminars is **mandatory**.

ORIENTATION DAY

The MTP Orientation is on **Monday, June 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM** at Mortensen Hall, Loma Linda University, 11085 Campus Street. A light snack will be provided. Please see the attached map or visit the website: <http://llu.edu/map/>. If you have a car, you may park at Lot X.

In order to complete your file and process your paycheck we request that you bring a photocopy of the following items with you on Orientation day:

1. Your Driver's license or ID- government issued picture ID
2. Your Social Security Card
3. The health insurance card under which you are covered
4. Your college ID

Loma Linda University Human Resources will be working with you individually to finalize the hiring process. Please note that to be paid you must show prove that you are eligible to work in the US. You must present **your original Social Security Card** to Human Resources. **Be sure to bring your Social Security Card!**

Please come prepared to have your picture taken for our 2019 Summer Research Album.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

ARRIVAL

Please book a round-trip ticket to arrive in Ontario, CA (ONT) or Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The Ontario International Airport is about 30 minutes away and LAX is about an hour and a half or more (depending on traffic and time of day) from Loma Linda, CA. Please submit your flight information/itinerary to Daniela Soto (dsoto-wilder@llu.edu) as soon as you receive it.

You will need to make transportation arrangements from the airport to Lindsay Hall or Daniells Hall (the address has been emailed to you) where you will be staying. If you are unable to arrange for someone to pick you up, there is a service called Super Shuttle that can take you from the airport to the dorms. You can book this in advance (at least 24 hours) through Super Shuttle: <http://www.supershuttle.com/>

*When making reservations, you may be asked for the nearest cross streets; they are Stewart and Anderson.

Upon arrival at the airport, after you get your luggage, go to the center island outside the airport doors and look for the overhead sign for “Shared Ride Van”. Talk to the Shuttle Coordinator, give them your confirmation number, and ask for a receipt. The estimated cost for the “Shared Ride Van Service” shuttle from Ontario is \$41.00 and from LAX is \$74.00

DEPARTURE

The last meeting of the program is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019. Because of this, we ask that you plan your departure date on or after Friday, August 9, 2019. You will need to make arrangements to get to the airport (see instructions above).

STIPEND AND WEEKLY EXPECTATIONS

As part of your participation in this program you will receive a competitive stipend for the 8-week internship. Your stipend is to be used to pay for airfare, food, lodging/rent, and transportation, etc. A typical day for a UTP participant is from 8:30 am – 5 pm, which includes time in the lab, seminars, career development workshops, and other assigned activities. Your actual work hours may vary because some mentors have early or late hours in their labs. Per California State Laws, you must take a 30-minute to 1-hour lunch break every day after 4-5 hours of work. You will work 5 days a week; and LLU policy requests that no lab work be done from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. Unless you really need to work on your experiments, we also ask that you try to avoid working on Sundays because there is **no** overtime pay. You will be required to clock in and out every day. Your mentor will sign off on your hours at the end of every 2-week period. We will discuss this further during Orientation. We will give you a calendar to help keep track of the appropriate dates.

Your stipend will be distributed in 5 pay periods. All checks will be distributed by the Administration on the Friday of each payday. Your final check may be mailed to your permanent address. However, **we highly encourage you to sign up for direct deposit**; this will be the fastest and safest way to receive your stipend.

Lunch will be provided for you at the Wednesday seminars. Attendance for this seminar is **mandatory**. Some mentors may have you run experiments during or around the time of these seminars. If this is the case, we need to know if you will be late or not in attendance. Please call the office and let us know in **advance**.

SYMPOSIUM

The 19th LLU Annual Health Disparities Research Symposium will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, starting at noon. This program consists of a 2-hour poster presentation by the students exhibiting the work you have done during the summer, a presentation from the keynote speaker, as well as remarks by the CHDMM leadership team and certificates for all the participants. Each student must turn in an abstract and must present a poster. We will be providing assistance and direction for preparing and printing the posters.

DRESS CODE

As you may already know, summer temperatures in the Inland Empire can be very hot, dry, and often varies from day to night. The daily summer temperature averages between 80 and 115°F. Below you will find suggestions for attire.

Young Men

Suggested Daily Attire:

- ◆ Clothing that is clean and professional
- ◆ Casual long pants or jeans (shorts not allowed for lab safety reasons)
- ◆ Light sweaters, clean shirts
- ◆ Professional T-shirts or dress-shirts
- ◆ Tennis shoes, closed-toe and closed-back shoes (**no open-toe shoes or sandals in the labs**), comfortable footwear (you may be standing for long periods of time), shoes good for walking.

Suggested Attire for the Research Symposium, Wednesday, August 7th:

- ◆ Professional attire-dark suit (black, dark grey, dark brown, or dark blue), including coat and matching pants
- ◆ Pressed clothing
- ◆ Tie
- ◆ Clean, polished dress shoes and socks to match slacks

Unacceptable Clothing:

- ◆ Torn
- ◆ Anything with unnecessary/non-functional holes in it
- ◆ Dirty

Young Ladies

Suggested Daily Attire:

- ◆ Clothing that is clean and professional
- ◆ Casual pants, jeans, Capri pants (knee length or lower), or skirts (knee length or lower)
- ◆ Light sweaters, clean shirts
- ◆ Professional T-shirts or dress-shirts
- ◆ Tennis shoes, closed-toe and closed-back shoes (**no open-toe shoes or sandals for the labs**), comfortable footwear (you may be standing for long periods of time), shoes good for walking.

Suggested Attire for the Research Symposium, Wednesday, August 7th:

- ◆ Professional attire-dark suit (black, dark grey, dark brown, dark blue) including matching dress pants/skirt/jumper and coat. Jumpers or skirts should be mid-knee length or below
- ◆ Pressed clothing

- ◆ Blouses should be pressed
- ◆ Clean polished dress shoes, preferably low heels because you will be standing for a long time
- ◆ Stockings to match suit/professional attire

Unacceptable Clothing:

- ◆ Torn
- ◆ Anything with unnecessary/non-functional holes in it
- ◆ Dirty

*** Ladies, in the past we have had some problems and complaints about students wearing low rise jeans, spaghetti straps, and shirts revealing midriffs. Please refrain from wearing these particular items of clothing. We understand that it may be hot, but you are working in a professional environment, and are representing your school as well as your family and the University. If you plan to wear spaghetti straps, please bring a sweater or jacket. ***

CELL PHONE USAGE

Cell phones can be distracting in a lab setting, mainly when working on experiments. Please silence your cell phone while working in the lab. You may want to answer your calls or texts during breaks, but keep the conversation time to a minimum to prevent interference with your work. Please, advise your relatives or friends to contact you during off-work hours, unless there is an emergency.

LABORATORY VISITORS

Visits by friends and family members while you are working in the laboratory are not allowed. Access to research laboratories is highly restricted and only authorized personnel (e.g. LLU researchers and staff members working in the same unit or division, or biotech vendors) are allowed in the laboratories. Small children are never allowed in the laboratories. These restrictions are in place for safety and security reasons. Besides, visitors can be distracting to you and other laboratory members.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

Lab

- Pens and pencils
- Notebook (we provide laboratory notebooks that you must keep in the lab at all times and leave it with your mentor when the program is finished. Do not take home your laboratory notebooks).
- Ruler
- Calculator

Optional Activities: beach vespers, pool vespers, and amusement parks

- Bible
- Towels
- Sunglasses
- Bathing Suit
- Camera
- Extra cash
- Bag lunch (if lunch is not provided)

MEALS

The following link provides information for eating options on campus:

- <http://home.llu.edu/campus-and-spiritual-life/housing-dining/dining-services>

The following is a list of nearby (within 2 miles) dining facilities and stores:

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| -Stater Bros. Grocery Store * | -Jamba Juice- Smoothies |
| -Rite Aid Pharmacy* | -Jose's Mexican Food |
| -Clark's Nutritional Health Store* | -Loma Linda Market* |
| -Carl's Jr/Green Burrito* | -Lotus Garden-Chinese Food (vegetarian option) |
| -Angelo's Sandwich Shop | -Mimi's Restaurant |
| -Baker's Burgers | -Olive Garden |
| -Café Society (University Ave/Evans) | -Panera Bread |
| -Chipotle | -Papa John's-Pizza |
| -Del Taco | -Soup Plantation |
| -Delhi palace - Indian Restaurant | -Subway Sandwich |
| -Firehouse Subs | -Surfer Joe's-Pizza |
| -Happy Family Vegetarian | -Vegan Fresh |
| -Home Town Buffet | |

NOTICE: This list may vary as businesses may change names/locations.

These places are within walking distance and near the VA Hospital

PARKING PERMIT

Those with cars are required to park at Lot X, please see map attached. You will need to register your car at <https://parking.llu.edu/>.

DRAYSON CENTER - GYM

You will receive a complimentary Drayson Center membership while you are an MTP participant. The gym has a pool (check times of availability), basketball/volleyball court, sand volleyball court, running track at the supper field, work out room, some aerobic/boot camp classes, etc. For more information, visit their website at <https://drayson.llu.edu/>

DEL WEBB LIBRARY

The link to the library website where you can check for more information is <https://library.llu.edu/>. You will have access to the library to do the research required by your mentor(s).

SOCIAL ACTIVITES

Individual (optional): The student services office has tickets for various theme parks, amusement parks, and other activities available for discounted prices. You are free to purchase these tickets on your own using your student ID badge.

CHDMM ACTIVITIES (optional): The CHDMM may plan several outings for the summer research students, such as vespers, beach vespers, baseball games, and other events. Please keep your eyes and ears open for fliers/emails and announcements regarding these events. Remember this is time, outside of the lab, when you will get to know your colleagues. You may form life-long friendships, as well as create invaluable networks for the future.

MENTOR PLACEMENTS:

You will be assigned to a mentor prior to your arrival based on the research interests you checked on your application. When in the lab, please remember that you must be on your most professional behavior at all times. If you have any concerns or conflicts, please speak with Dr. Casiano, Daniela Soto or Ann Bradshaw (*the office staff is always available to help!*). We realize being away from home in a new environment is both exciting and challenging. So do not hesitate to stop by the office for snacks, a water break, or a quick hello. Again, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out and help each other. The

people working within your lab may be good resources for you to learn more about your primary mentor and his/her work.

SEMINARS:

As stated earlier, there are weekly seminars you are required to attend as part of your 8-hour day. We will provide you with a calendar of activities so you can keep track of all the important dates of which you **must** be aware. You are responsible for attending all seminars. We may send out reminders; however, you must be responsible and look up the information to verify where you should be at all times. The seminars listed below will give you a general idea of what to expect:

VIDEO DISCUSSION – every other Monday 5pm-6:15pm

Light refreshments will be provided. At these meetings you will watch videos concerning Health Disparities in America and have the opportunity to discuss these topics with your peers.

MTP DISCUSSION GROUP – Tuesdays, 5pm-6pm

Refreshments will be provided. At these meetings you will discuss current issues concerning Health Disparities in the medical field and how to address them as physicians.

CHDMM SEMINARS – Wednesdays, 12noon to 2pm

Lunch will be provided. This seminar is for **ALL** students participating in the summer research program (ABC, UTP, MTP, and IMSD). Mentors are welcome to attend as well.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS – Thursday 5pm-6pm

Light refreshments will be provided. At these seminars you will be given information which includes learning how to create a poster presentation for the symposium, among other topics. Presenters will be scientific professors and graduate students.

19th ANNUAL HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM – Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 3pm-8:30pm

Refreshments will be available. As mentioned before, business attire is mandatory. Please consult with any of the office staff if you need suggestions for appropriate attire. You may invite parents, family, friends, professors, teachers, school staff, and lab staff to the Symposium. Please be sure to tell Daniela Soto, by Friday, July 20, 2019 how many guests you expect to attend.

EVALUATIONS

At the beginning and end of the MTP program, and after each seminar and workshop, you will receive an email requesting that you complete a short assessment. Completing each evaluation is part of your job as a MTP participant. This task is essential for current and future funding of the program.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

The summer research program does not provide health insurance. Students must carry proof of all health/medical insurance and bring those documents to the office to make a copy for their student file in case of emergency. We will also require you to fill out an “In-case-of-Emergency” form.

If you have finished reading and reviewing this manual, please sign the following page indicating that you have read and understood all material in the manual. **You must bring the signed form with you to Orientation.**

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**SUMMER RESEARCH
TERMS & CONDITIONS SIGNAGE FORM**

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

The sponsor for this program is the Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine (CHDMM) and it has made all arrangements for services and accommodations. The CHDMM shall be responsible to the participating student for supplying the services described in the manual. This manual represents the entire agreement between the participants and CHDMM. CHDMM holds the right to decline, retain, or remove any participating member at any time.

By signing this form, you are indicating the release of any and all photography, video, etc., taken of you for marketing and promotion purposes that may or may not be used in the future.

You will receive a stipend during the summer that will be paid concurrent with LLU payroll cycle by our office which the student may use to pay housing and meals.

You are responsible for attending all required CHDMM OSD related activities such as seminars, workshops, sessions, meetings, classes during the summer program along with attending the required symposium (see below) and farewell activity (Thursday, August 8, 2019 in the morning).

You also agree to participate in the 19th Annual CHDMM LLU-NIH Research Symposium which will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 12pm to 8:30pm and participate in its entirety.

Please print, sign, date, and turn in at MTP Orientation, Monday, June 17, 2019.

Student Name

Student Signature and Date

CHDMM Program Manager Name

CHDMM Program Manager Signature and Date