If you are interested in clinical research in cardiovascular disease, particularly its impact in the African-American population, consider this opportunity.

**PEDIATRICS**

Medical students interested in participating in research and gaining exposure to clinical aspects of the practice of pediatric medicine may be interested in this opportunity.

**SURGERY**

The Surgery Scholars Program allows students to initiate concentrated studies in specific areas of surgery. Both clinical and research experience can be acquired.

**MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM**

This program gives students exposure to the broad variety of investigation ongoing at UMMC. The Medical Student Research Program is designed to develop the future generation of academic physicians. There is also a Canvas site to help students identify research opportunities.

**MSRP SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Research is an important element of a well-rounded medical education and a wide range of experiences exist. The following fellowships fund summer research opportunities:

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

The Internal Medicine Scholars Observership is a summer opportunity for students between their first and second years of medical school. Students spend two weeks rotating in Internal Medicine clinics and two weeks rotating on the Internal Medicine hospital service. The month-long observership gives an opportunity for mentoring and exposure to scholarship activities.

**SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS**

The SOM funds and/or coordinates a number of opportunities for UMMC students during the summer following the first year. A wide range of clinical, research and public health experiences are available on a recurring basis. Additional opportunities for summer employment exist on a periodic basis based on funding, mentor and project availability. Questions can be directed to Dr. Michael McMullan in the Student Affairs Office at mmcmullan@umc.edu and viewed on the research Canvas site.

**CREATING LIFELONG LEARNERS!**

Begin collecting the following for your career portfolio:

- Certifications
- Academic Accomplishments
- Employment History
- Volunteer Work History
- Leadership Roles
- Research Accomplishments
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Schedule My Mock Interview
We wish you success on your journey!

During each academic year, the SOM Office of Medical Career Development Series specializes in helping students explore their career interests and prepare for residency. The journey begins on day one and ensures that students are adequately prepared to enter the workforce. These opportunities allow students to pursue individual academic interests and values, personality, and skills that contribute to the choice of a specialty that best fits. It also presents an opportunity to learn details about specialties such as salary and lifestyle, prerequisites and length of training, competitiveness data, and types of patients and procedures. All students are encouraged to actively participate in the program.

HOUSE PROGRAM
All students are now assigned a House and a clinical mentor to help navigate the first two years. The current houses are Turner, Shirley, Evers, Marston, Currier, Guyton, Pancreat, and Leathers. With these groups, we hope to remind students of the ultimate goal of being a great clinician, even while studying the foundational sciences and to provide ready-made groups for students to identify with early in this educational process.

CAREER COUNSELING
The SOM Office of Medical Education offers both individual and group career counseling opportunities to medical students throughout the usual four years of study. These opportunities allow students to pursue individual academic interests and ensure that students are adequately prepared to enter the specialty of their choice. The journey begins on day one and continues to Match Day.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERIES
During each academic year, the SOM Office of Medical Education plans and coordinates a weekly career development series. The series, held on Thursdays during the noon hour, is focused on first- and second-year students but open to all students. Clinical, academic, and research career opportunities are presented. Residents, fellows and faculty are available for questions. Topics include wellness and academic support as well as specialty specific presentations by key faculty such as program directors.

RESIDENCY FAIR
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