Dear Class President:

The NIH-funded Diabetes Research Centers invite applications for the Medical Student Research Program in Diabetes and Obesity for the summer of 2018. This program is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health through the NIDDK and allows medical students to conduct research under the direction of an established scientist in the areas of diabetes, hormone action, physiology, islet cell biology, clinical investigation or obesity at an institution with one of the NIDDK-funded Diabetes Research Centers during the summer between the first and second year or second and third year of medical school. **Prior research experience is not required.** The program provides a stipend of approximately $1,948/month.

We invite applications for the summer of 2016 and are writing to ask your help in making the students in your class aware of this opportunity. A brief announcement in class, combined with posting the enclosed program announcement, has worked well in the past. Please also include the program announcement in your school's file or notebook of summer opportunities. This program announcement is suitable for reproduction and/or posting.

**The application deadline is 11:59 pm (CST) January 29, 2018.**

Please see our website for more information about the program and for an application.

[http://medicalstudentdiabetesresearch.org/](http://medicalstudentdiabetesresearch.org/)

Enclosure: Program Announcement

**NIDDK Medical Student Research**

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NIDDK Medical Student Research Program in Diabetes and Obesity 2018

WHAT:
Conduct laboratory-based, clinical, or translational research under the direction of an established scientist in the area of diabetes or obesity. Prior research experience is not required.

WHEN:
Summer between the first and second year, or between the second and third year, of medical school.

WHY:
Encourage medical students to consider a research career focused on diabetes or obesity.

WHERE:
Boston Area Diabetes Research Center
Columbia University, New York
Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis
Joslin Diabetes Center/Harvard University, Boston
University of Alabama, Birmingham
University of California, San Diego
University of California, San Francisco
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Denver
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
University of Washington, Seattle
Vanderbilt University, Nashville
Washington University, St. Louis
Yale University, New Haven

Information and Application:

• Students conduct research with an established scientist in the areas of diabetes, hormone action, physiology, islet cell biology or obesity for 2-3 months (receive a stipend).
• Weekly seminars about diabetes and obesity.
• Students present results at a national research symposium August 1-2, 2018.
• Commencement dates and conclusion are flexible.

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