



CRSTI 2012 Independent Student Research Program: May 21 – July 27

Purpose

The CRSTI Independent Student Research Program is designed to further develop the student's medical research skills. Available only to students who have successfully completed the CRSTI Internship, this program further develops and sharpens the student's ability to conduct scientifically valid research, conduct analysis and report findings.

Method

Students are assigned a research project, physician mentor and staff mentor based on their ability, maturity, level of education, and past internship experience. Independent Research Students work a minimum of 20 (twenty hours) a week. Schedules are flexible depending on the research project and stage of completion.

Application Process

Applications for the Independent Research Program will be accepted from December 20 to January 20. Applicants must provide the following:

- Typed double spaced statement of interest in the program, including what the student hopes to gain from this experience beyond what they achieved in the internship. Statement should not exceed two pages.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (at least one letter should be from a teacher, professor, or advisor)
- Transcript
- Employment application (provided by CRSTI)

Interviews will be conducted in February & March. Candidates will be notified of their status by March 30, 2012. Completed Applications should be mailed to:

CRSTI
Intern Program Director
7777 Forest Lane C-742
Dallas, Texas 75230

Qualifications

Students must have successfully completed the CRSTI Internship Program prior to application.

Stipend

Research students will receive a certification of program completion and a stipend of \$2000 upon successful completion of the program.

Program Description

Interns are matched to a physician mentor, staff mentor, and a research project based on their ability, maturity, level of education, and previous internship experience. Research students will be expected to conduct literature searches, collect and analyze data, and report research findings. Research Students will be responsible for completing the project during the program culminating in the writing of an abstract, manuscript or both. Research students will have the option of observing surgical and non-surgical procedures.