

Frequently Asked Questions

Application Questions:

When will the application become available?

The application will open on November 1st. Application instructions will be posted on our website, here, in October.

When is the application due?

The online application and the supplemental materials are due on **February 1st**.

Are Freshmen and Sophomores eligible to apply for the program?

This program is geared towards undergraduates in their junior year of college (defined as your third year of college and not by the number of credits earned). Seniors not yet accepted into medical school in and college graduates enrolled in a pre-medical post-baccalaureate program are also eligible to apply. We encourage freshmen and sophomores to work on fulfilling the requirements so they can apply when they are in their third year of college.

I have already graduated from college; can I still apply?

You are eligible to apply if you are not starting a medical school program in the Fall 2023 and enrolled in a pre-medical post-baccalaureate program.

I'll be graduating from college in June 2023. Am I eligible?

Yes, you are eligible to apply if you are not starting a medical school program in the Fall 2023.

Is prior research experience required?

No, we encourage applicants with limited research experience of research experiences to apply.

What documents do I need to upload to the application portal?

The following documents will need to be uploaded to the application portal in the appropriate sections (instructions on how to apply will be posted on our website prior to the launch date of the application):

- Resumé or Curriculum Vitae
- One-page essay outlining on how you developed an interest in a medical career and your interest in working with underserved populations.
- Official transcript(s) for every college or university you have attended (including summer courses)
- Letter of Recommendation #1 - A letter from your college premedical advisor or from one of your faculty members/professors of a science course who can speak to your academic acumen, motivation, and potential student of foundational medical science.
- Letter of Recommendation #2 - A letter of recommendation from a source outside of your college that can speak to your work with and commitment to underserved minority or financially disadvantaged populations within the USA.
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident Visa Status

Do I have to include my Fall 2022 semester grades on my transcript?

Yes, we need to see all grades from all colleges attended included in the application including the Fall semester grades.

What if I did a summer course at a different school, do I still need to include that transcript?

Yes, all transcripts from all schools must be included as we will need to see all course grades.

Will my application be reviewed if it is not complete?

No. Only completed applications will be reviewed so please be sure to upload all documents, complete all sections, and submit your application by the deadline, February 1st.

How long should my personal statement be?

The personal statement should be no more than one page.

When are the Letters of Recommendations due?

Letters of recommendations are due by February 1st along with the application. Your application can be submitted before your recommenders submit the letters of recommendations.

Are international students eligible to apply to the program?

Only U.S. Citizens and those with Permanent Resident Visa status in the United States are eligible to apply to the program.

I am a recipient of DACA can I apply?

Unfortunately, at this time we cannot accept DACA recipients.

What qualifies as proof of U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident?

Only a copy of a birth certificate or passport can be submitted for proof of U.S. Citizenship. For proof of Permanent Resident, a copy of the permanent resident visa card is required.

When will I be notified whether I have been accepted?

All applicants will be notified by via email by late March.

I will still be taking classes or finals when T-SRF starts. Should I still apply?

Program participants must be available at the start of the program (6/20/23) and through its completion (8/4/23).

Program Questions:

What are the program dates?

The Travelers summer Research Fellowship Program will run from June 20 – August 4, 2023.

Will the program be held virtually?

Although we were thrilled to return to in-person programming this season, it is possible that The Travelers summer Research Fellowship Program may be held virtually in 2023 as it was in 2021. A determination will be made in the Spring in accordance with institutional guidelines at that time. Applicants/participants should prepare for in-person programming and will be informed forthwith if local and institutional public health guidance precludes in-person programming.

How much is the Program Stipend?

The amount of the stipend is \$3,000.

How often will I receive my stipend?

The frequency of stipend disbursements will be determined in Spring 2023.

How are mentors/labs assigned if I am accepted?

A variety of factors are considered in making the mentor/mentee pairings including the alignment of participant interests and faculty research projects/ expertise. We do our best to oblige student preference for topic as well as locus of research (bench vs. clinical vs. translational) but cannot guarantee desired alignment for all participants. We do believe that the experience will add value and enhance participant readiness for medical school even in the absence of ideal alignment.

May I enroll in classes while participating in the program?

The T-SRF Program is comprised of full-time research work as well as a didactic curriculum. Students are required to focus solely on the program activities for the entire 7 weeks. Employment or outside coursework are not permitted.

Do I need to attend the full seven weeks?

Yes, you must complete the full seven weeks.

Where will I be housed?

You will be housed in one of the dormitories on the Weill Cornell Medicine's campus in New York City.

Are meals covered by the program?

No. While there are some catered events throughout the summer, meals are generally the responsibility of the individual student.

Does the program cover travel to and from the program?

Travel reimbursement is provided for those traveling from a considerable distance outside of New York.