

visiting research internship program

Sponsored by Harvard Catalyst and the Office for Culture and Community Engagement at Harvard Medical School, the Visiting Research Internship Program is an eight-week paid, mentored, summer research program designed to enrich medical and dental students' interest in research and health-related careers, particularly careers in clinical/translational research.

Program Dates

Monday, June 1—Friday, July 24, 2026 (*tentative*)

Benefits

- ◆ **Paid Internship**
- ◆ **Mentored Clinical Research** on a topic of interest proposed by the student
- ◆ **Weekly Seminars** with Harvard faculty on topics ranging from research methodology, health equity, to career development
- ◆ **Travel Compensation** of up to \$400 toward the cost of traveling to and from Boston
- ◆ **Housing**

Eligibility

- ◆ First and second year medical and dental students in good standing at an LCME, COCA, or CODA accredited school
- ◆ US citizen, National, or Permanent Resident

Application

Access the online VRIP application at occe.hms.harvard.edu/paths-opportunity/visiting-research-internship-program.

A completed application is comprised of the following:

- ◆ Statement of Purpose
- ◆ Short Answer Questions
- ◆ Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- ◆ Official electronic transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate/professional institutions attended, including your current medical/dental school sent to VRIP_OCCE@HMS.Harvard.edu
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation from a current or past faculty member, instructor, research advisor, or supervisor who is familiar with your work.
- ◆ Copy of medical insurance card and proof of immunizations

Dates and Deadlines

- ◆ **October 15, 2025:** VRIP Application opens
- ◆ **January 5, 2026:** Deadline for delivery of the completed application and all supporting documents
- ◆ **February, 2026:** Notification of 2026 VRIP Recipients
- ◆ **June 1—July 24, 2026:** Program (*tentative*)

Harvard Catalyst

Founded in May, 2008, Harvard Catalyst—the Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center—is dedicated to improving human health by enabling collaboration and providing tools, training, and technologies to clinical and translational investigations. Harvard Catalyst is supported by a grant from the National Center for Research Resources, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, and commitments from several of its partner organizations.

The Office for Culture and Community Engagement (OCCE)

The OCCE at Harvard Medical School (HMS) serves to advance education in the health, biomedical, behavioral, and STEM fields that builds individual and institutional capacity to achieve excellence and foster innovation in health locally, nationally, and globally. We are committed to academic freedom and creating a thriving community that is pluralistic, inclusive, and promotes excellence in teaching, learning, discovery, scholarship, service, and leadership.