

BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (BIBS)

SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

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**Application Form**

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| **Application deadline: February 21, 2025, 11:59 p.m. CT** |

**Introduction**

The Biomedical Informatics and Behavioral Sciences (BIBS) Summer Research Program seeks talented students including those from groups historically underrepresented in science and the health professions. The BIBS Summer Research Program invites eligible undergraduate, graduate, and post-baccalaureate students to apply. See the instructions below and send questions to the Program Coordinator at [magarcia@tamu.edu](mailto:magarcia@tamu.edu).

**Instructions**

1. Review the BIBS eligibility requirements. Applicants do not need to have a specific major(s). Answer the application questions as completely as possible. If you are unsure of a definition or have a question, please feel free to reach out by email to [magarcia@tamu.edu](mailto:magarcia@tamu.edu).
2. Your application must include the following documents:
   1. Transcript. Students must submit a transcript for either undergraduate, graduate, or accredited post-baccalaureate programs that include courses from the current (2022-2023) academic year. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
   2. A personal essay (500 words maximum). Details are provided in the section where you will upload your essay.
   3. A curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
   4. One academic letter of recommendation from a current or former professor.
3. Incomplete applications or late submissions will not be considered.

**Eligibility**

* Applicants must be undergraduate or master's students who are currently enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States. Post-baccalaureate students who are enrolled in an accredited post-bac program may also be considered. Additionally, undergraduate applicants should have already successfully completed one academic year of post-secondary education with completion of at least two academic years preferred.
* Applicants must be in good academic standing.
* Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
* Non-local applicants must be willing to relocate to the Dallas area for the duration of the 9-week program if selected.
* Applicants should demonstrate an interest in oral health research and a research career post-graduation.

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| If you are selected to be a participant, your demographic information will be de-identified and reported to our sponsor organization, the National Institutes of Health (NIH).  Your application will be kept confidential. | | |
| 1 | Last Name: | First Name: M.I. |
| 2 | Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Month Date Year | |
| 3 | Permanent Mailing Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: | |
| 4 | Daytime Phone Number: ( ) Mobile Phone Number: ( )  Email address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 5 | If you attended High School in the U.S.: High School Name:  City:  State:  Zip Code: | |
| 6 | 1. Are you in an Undergraduate, Graduate or Post-bac Program?  Undergraduate  Graduate  Post-bac 2. If you are an undergraduate, have you completed at least one academic year?   Yes  No   1. What is your expected graduation date (month and year)? 2. What is/what was your undergraduate major? (i.e. Biology, Journalism, etc.) 3. If you are a graduate student, what is your major? | |
| 7 | Please check Veteran Status (check all that apply):  Veteran  Child of a Veteran  Grandchild of a Veteran  Spouse of a Veteran  None of the Above | |
| 8 | Are you a first-generation college student?  Yes, I am the first among my parents and grandparents to attend college.  No, either my parents or grandparents have attended college. | |
| 9 | Gender:  Male  Female  Transgender  Nonbinary  Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 10 | Ethnic Category:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino | |
| 11 | Race: (Choose one or more):  American Indian/Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  White  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander    Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 12 | Were you a former foster child?  Yes  No | |
| 13 | Are you from a rural residential background?  Yes  No | |
| 14 | Are you from a disadvantaged background?  Yes  No  (Please see the end of the application form for a full definition.) | |
| 15 | Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?  Yes  No | |

**Personal Essay**

Please submit a 1-2 page (500 words maximum) personal essay explaining your career goals and plans after graduation. Also, please describe your research interests and any previous research experience you may have. Lastly, include any non-academic accomplishments, personal characteristics, or experiences that make you uniquely qualified to participate in the BIBS Summer Research Program.

**Curriculum vitae (CV)/Resume**

**Letter of recommendation (1)** (If your professor prefers, the letter of recommendation can emailed directly to [magarcia@tamu.edu](mailto:magarcia@tamu.edu).)

**NIH Criteria for Disadvantaged Background**

An individual is considered to be from a disadvantaged background if he or she meets two or more of the following criteria:

1. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Definition: <https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>);
2. Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families (Definition: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care>);
3. Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>);
4. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor’s degree (see <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>);
5. Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants (Definition: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/eligibility.html>);
6. Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements>).
7. Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>), or b) a [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas](https://www.qhpcertification.cms.gov/s/LowIncomeandHPSAZipCodeListingPY2020.xlsx?v=1) (Qualifying zip codes are included in the file). Only one of the two possibilities in #7 can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.