

SUBJECT LINE: Internship opportunity; Summer 2022

Help design **cross-program initiatives** for trainees.

Our educational programs are effective in reaching individual groups of trainees, such as those in Biomedical Graduate Studies (BGS), or in the Masters and Certificates program (MaC), or Medical Student Trainees (MSTP), or those in Undergraduate Medical Education (UME). What is **missing** are opportunities for **cross-fertilization among the programs**. Is there a way for one program's trainees to benefit from skills, experiences, and perspectives that can be conveyed by interaction with trainees of other programs?

Last summer, this question was tackled by an intern, Mau Porco, who identified several structural aspects inherent to each program that tended to inhibit cross-fertilization. Once identified, Mau designed a pilot program to side-step some of those hindrances and facilitate a more interactive relationship between the groups (a summary of last summer's work is attached).

This summer we are recruiting a pair of interns to strengthen and expand upon that foundation. The trainees will:

- Help evaluate the pilot program and consider how to improve and expand it.
- Identify other activities that are currently run by and contained within an individual program but that might be creatively re-tooled to reach trainees in other programs.
- Conceive of new collaborative offerings among the programs that can address common needs. Potential areas include ethics, communication & presentation skills, grant writing, service learning, wellness, etc.

Length of Internship: 6-8 weeks, Summer 2022

Stipend: \$3000.00

Eligibility: All current PhD students in good standing; you will require permission from your advisor (akin to a TA-ship).

Students will be mentored by Mau and program representatives (see below). Initially the project will involve identifying activities run by one program that might be ripe opportunities for collaboration, as well as identify areas of unmet needs. Interns will then work together to create a well-developed proposal for robust programming that features cross-fertilization between the programs.

Mentors:

MS2: Mau Porco (summer 2021 Intern)

UME: Jennifer Kogan, MD with Rosalyn Schorr

BGS: Stephen DiNardo, PhD with Judy Jackson

MaC: Michael Peterson

Interested students must submit an application by **March 14, noon**. Applications must be submitted as a one PDF, single spaced 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins with the following components:

1. Filename: "Last Name_BGS.MaC.UME"
2. Include:
 - a. Your Name, program and year.
 - b. Two or three aspects of your bio that seem relevant to this project, as well as a paragraph (max 500 words) explaining why the project is of interest to you.

Submit the PDF to the SVDeanMedEd@upenn.edu email account by noon on March 14.

Priorities will be given to students that indicate interest in the following:

1. Love of research, data gathering, synthesis
2. Promote collaboration among students from other schools and programs, and promote interactions between students with faculty
3. Experience in Education / Curriculum Development is a plus

The selected student will be notified on or near April 1st.

A final product is expected at the end of the Summer in the form of:

1. An outline for a planned curriculum.
2. A presentation to the Education Council to foster discussions of the best path forward, and which must include summarized data representing the extant opportunities, identified needs and gaps, and proposed mechanisms to address those gaps by crafting synergizing opportunities among UME, BGS, MSTP and MaC trainees.