

2014 Summer Internship in Neuroscience Research at Regions Hospital

What: An unpaid summer internship as a research assistant in a neuroscience research laboratory.

Where: The Center for Memory and Aging (formerly the Alzheimer's Research Center) at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN, a part of the HealthPartners Institute of Education and Research.

Who: This internship is designed for undergraduate students who want research experience before applying to medical, dental, or graduate school. There are typically 3-5 interns accepted to the program each summer, depending on project availability.

When: Summer. Start and end-dates are flexible, as are weekly hours, but interns should be prepared to work ~30- 40 hr/wk during normal business hours.

Why: This internship is designed to be a mutually beneficial experience. The research lab gets help with research projects. Interns get:

- The experience of working and learning in a research lab (scientific process)
- To contribute knowledge about Alzheimer's (or other neurodegenerative) disease
- A broader understanding of what it is to be in the scientific community
- To be a team member on a research project
- *Potential for co-authorship on a publication*
- Free parking and free daily lunch at the hospital cafeteria!

How: Send a cover letter and resume to Jared.M.Fine@HealthPartners.com by March 31, 2014. Include career goals, why you want to serve as an intern, relevant coursework, available summer hours, and high school and college GPA. A phone interview and references may be required. Decisions will be made by April 21, 2014.

More Info: The Alzheimer's Research Center conducts nationally recognized research on Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other nervous system disorders (<http://www.alzheimersinfo.org/>). The research center has been located on the campus of Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN, for over 30 years and is part of the HealthPartners family of care. Summer interns work directly with scientists and/or physicians on pre-existing research projects, depending on what is available. Projects may be pre-clinical or clinical. Interns are expected to read and become familiar with scientific literature in their project area, and to understand what they are doing and why so that they are invested in the projects. This is more rewarding for interns because they learn more, and are excited to wake up and come in to learn each day (which is important for an unpaid internship). Interns who do an excellent job may earn a recommendation for medical/graduate school, and may be invited to be a co-author on a scientific paper at the discretion of the senior investigator for each project. In addition to being involved in interesting research and learning about science, summer interns usually also enjoy their experience because the staff members at the Alzheimer's Research Center are cooler and more fun than at most other scientific laboratories.