TEMRA: Texas Emergency Medicine Research Associates Program

The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

Please contact TEMRAP@utsouthwestern.edu with any questions you might have about the program.

This Research Practicum at UT Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW), through the Department of Emergency Medicine, allows qualified UTD students to participate in clinical research projects conducted within the Emergency Department (ED) at Parkland Hospital and William P. Clements, Jr, University Hospital. Prior to placement in clinical settings, students are fully credentialed to conduct research at the two hospitals and at UT Southwestern. This program allows students to interact with physicians, residents and medical students as well as patients in the ED. If accepted, students should plan to participate in TEMRAP for at least two semesters to fully complete the program. UTD requires enrollment in a one semester credit hour research practicum course. The course is graded on a credit/no-credit basis, and may be repeated for up to six semesters. Re-application, UTD, and UTSW approval is required each semester. Returning students are eligible for one of the following student leadership roles: Chief Research Associate (RA), Vice Chief RA, Head Trainer, and Trainer.

The TEMRAP application is currently closed.

We are continuously assessing the safety for students to return to in person clinical research. UTSW and Parkland will decide when students can return to the Emergency Department based on the prevalence of COVID-19 over the next several months. We will give updates when further decisions have been made. If the course needs to remain virtual, we will offer virtual clinical and research activities.

UNIV 3112 – Research Practicum: TEMRAP

Course Description

Students earn course credit for participation in TEMRAP under faculty guidance. Credit/No Credit only. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (6 semester credit hours maximum). Students must complete at least one three-hour shift per week. Only two students are allowed to be scheduled per pod shift.

Pod shifts consist of:

1. Interacting with clinical staff
2. Identifying potentially eligible patients to enroll in studies and paging research team
3. Recruiting, consenting, and enrolling in the studies for which students received training
4. Interacting with patients

Eligibility

Please note: Since credentialing is an extensive and time consuming process, this program is designed for students who are seriously pursuing a career in medicine.

A successful applicant will have:

- Upper division standing with a minimum 3.500 cumulative GPA
- Serious interest in pursuing a career in medicine
- Good time management skills
- Skills to communicate effectively and comfortably face-to-face

Documents required to be submitted with your application:

The following will need to be uploaded into your application. Please scan the documents in PDF form. Make sure student name and document description is noted in the title under which you save the scanned PDF before uploading: (Example: Doe, Jane-Flu Shot documentation)

- CV/Resume
- UTD Unofficial Transcript
- Flu Shot documentation - must be for current season
- Current Immunization record – Records must be clear and legible and include
  - 3 dates of HepB
  - 2 dates of MMR
  - 2 dates of Varicella/Varivax or 1 date and proof of a titer test
  - 1 date of Tdap (not to be confused with DTaP). If Tdap is expired i.e. last administration was 10 years prior, student must provide proof of Td booster.

Recommendations

Only one recommendation is required for this program. Enter the name and email address of your recommender in your online application. Once an application is submitted, the recommender will receive a system-generated email containing a link to submit their comments. Applicants will be notified when their recommendation is submitted. 

NOTE: The recommender will receive their link only after you have SUBMITTED your online application. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLY! Give them enough time to submit their recommendation prior to the application deadline.

Required Supplemental Materials

The following will be required upon your acceptance into the program. Be prepared to submit all of the information below by the date specified on your admission letter/email. No exceptions.

1. Substance abuse panel 10 drug screen
2. Criminal background check (UTSW will process)
3. Mantoux TB skin test or IGRA (T-spot or Quantiferon)
   Must be current for your semester—they are only good for 1 year.

Suggestion: Any Test Now https://www.anylabtestnow.com/tests/10-panel-urine-drug-test/

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Accepted TEMRAP students must maintain:

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.500;
- Meet all deadlines for the application and credentialing requirements;
- Acceptable performance during all TEMRAP shifts

**Contact TEMRAP**

If you have further questions, please email TEMRAP@utsouthwestern.edu.

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- About UT Dallas
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