



STARS SOUTHWESTERN

STARS Summer Research Program for Students (cc)
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

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Objective: Each summer, the STARS Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center offers opportunities for students to work one-on-one with faculty researchers on an investigative project in a laboratory setting. This program provides meaningful experiences in biomedical research to encourage students to consider careers in the sciences. As part of the requirements of the program, each student will give an oral presentation of their experimental results and will present highlights of their experience to classmates at their home campus. Through a unique partnership with Eastfield College and the National Science Foundation STEP grant, UT Southwestern has opened the program to select community college students.

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled at Eastfield College, pursuing an A.S. degree, field of study degree or transfer program in science, including mathematics. Criteria used to select candidates are GPA, essay, letters of recommendation from teachers, and personal interview. Students must possess a strong interest in science, a strong willingness to learn, high level of maturity, and an enjoyment of the process of discovery. Even students without many credit hours in the biological sciences may still be selected to participate if they possess other strong qualities that would make them a successful participant.

Compensation: The eight-week program will begin on June 7 and end on July 30, 2010. **This program is a full time (M-F, 8hrs/day) commitment and will require a considerable amount of time and effort on the part of the participants, therefore, no other major activities should be planned for the duration of the program.** Students receive three hours of college credit Biology 2389 and a \$3,000 stipend. Satisfactory program commitment requires a total of 320 hours. *Students are required to attend an orientation at Eastfield College on May 27th prior to the research study at SWMC.*

How to apply: Students must provide a completed application form including: a personal essay, letters of recommendation from two teachers, and an **official copy** of his or her most recent transcript.

Application materials must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2010.

If you would like to obtain an application or need additional information please contact:

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