Key Dates and Deadlines

October 27, 2017: Application Opens

January 31, 2018: Deadline to submit application

February 28, 2018: Notifications to students of acceptances

June 2-3, 2018: Move-in weekend for BioMed SURF program participants

June 3, 2018: Welcome dinner for BioMed SURF participants

June 4, 2018: BioMed SURF program begins with all-day orientation

August 2, 2018: Program ends with Symposium

August 3, 2018: Students move out of Harkness Dorms

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Who is eligible to apply to BioMed SURF?

Applicants must be:

- US citizens or Permanent Residents.
- Freshman or sophomores in a college, university or junior college in excellent academic standing.
- Belong to an underrepresented minority group or otherwise disadvantaged group, or have a disability which limits one or more life activities. (For details, please see http://grants.nih.gov/training/faq_diversity.htm#a3)

Completed applications, two letters of recommendation, an official transcript and SAT/ACT scores must be submitted by January 31, 2018.

Accepted applicants will receive:

- On campus housing.
- Allowance for travel to and from Yale.
- $4500 stipend.
- Funds for one parent or guardian to travel to and from Yale for the closing symposium, along with hotel accommodations in New Haven.

BioMed SURF: More than just research!

In addition to working in a lab, BioMed SURF students learn about different career opportunities for PhDs and MD/PhDs.

Weekly journal clubs teach you how to read primary scientific papers.

Weekly seminars with faculty allows you to learn about their careers and research.

A career development curriculum, led by faculty and graduate students, teaches you how to give a talk, write an abstract, and put together a poster.

Peer-mentoring forums provide information about life as a PhD or MD/PhD student.

Shadowing experiences with physician-scientists show how research and medicine can be combined.

Networking opportunities with researchers at universities and companies show where your training can take you.

A closing symposium lets you present your accomplishments to your peers and the Yale community.

What is BioMed SURF?

BioMed SURF is a research-intensive summer training program in biomedicine at Yale University School of Medicine.

The program is designed for students with little or no prior research experience who plan to obtain a PhD or MD/PhD in the biomedical sciences.

Students are matched to a research mentor and laboratory based on their area of interest. Research mentors are available in many departments, including Biomedical Engineering, Cell Biology, Immunology, Neurosciences, Microbiology and Pharmacology.

Our program is designed for freshman and sophomore students who have completed at least one semester of college-level biology, chemistry or physics at the time of application. Hands-on training in research techniques, data acquisition, and analysis will be provided.

BioMed SURF is challenging and intense: you will be fully integrated into the research activities of your lab. To get the most out of the program, participants are required to be on campus for the entire 9 week course. No time off is allowed for other programs or to take MCATs.