

October 25, 2017

Dear Colleague:

For the past twenty-five years, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Science Park has sponsored a Summer Program in Cancer Research (SPCR) for undergraduate students majoring in math or science. The program is designed to allow students to work on an independent, hypothesis-driven, research project in a biomedical research environment. For many interns, this experience is very helpful in making subsequent career choices.

I am enclosing an announcement flyer for the 2018 program, suitable for a departmental bulletin board. I hope to enlist your help in making qualified students at your institution aware of this opportunity. Minority students are encouraged to apply. The flyers may be copied as needed. Please encourage interested students to get more information and download the application on our website at <http://www.mdanderson.org/scienceparkundergraduateresearch> (scroll down to 'Our Educational Programs'). **Please note that the deadline for receipt of the completed application packet is February 1, 2018.** If you or your colleagues would announce our program in your classes, this would also be much appreciated.

The professional research staff includes junior and senior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and research scientists. All members of the faculty are involved in education programs, which include training at the postgraduate, graduate, undergraduate and high school levels. Thank you for your assistance in publicizing our program. If you or an interested student have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me or Chris Contreras, Program Coordinator, at 512-237-9425 or e-mail: cmcontreras1@mdanderson.org.

Sincerely,



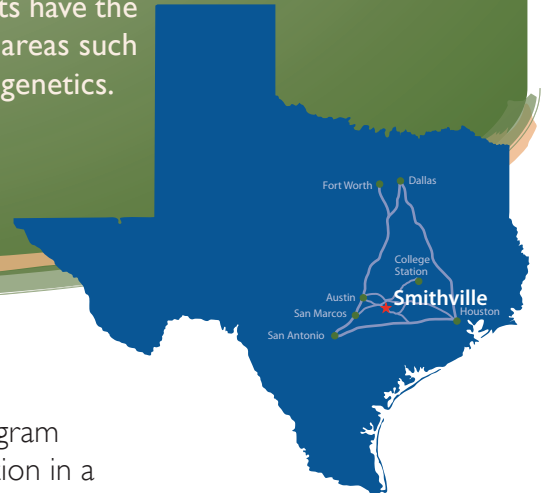
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Summer Program in Cancer Research

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Science Park

The Summer Program in Cancer Research at MD Anderson Cancer Center's Science Park campus provides an authentic research experience for outstanding undergraduate and high school students considering careers in biomedical research. Students have the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor in cutting-edge cancer research areas such as molecular mechanisms of cancer, DNA damage and repair, and cancer epigenetics.

June 4 – August 10, 2018



Our Program

This 10-week program includes participation in a hypothesis-driven research project, a weekly lunch lecture series covering cutting-edge topics such as epigenetics, stem cells, signal transduction and apoptosis, and emerging analytical techniques. Other activities include social events and tours of the MD Anderson Houston and Bastrop campuses. All students receive a stipend, and undergraduate students may ask for assistance in obtaining housing.

About Science Park

Science Park is a basic research campus of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center located in Smithville, TX, within driving distance from Austin. The campus is home to the Department of Epigenetics and Molecular Carcinogenesis, whose mission is to identify the genetic and epigenetic changes that contribute to cancer development. Nestled within the Lost Pines forest of Central Texas, the Science Park campus offers a unique, natural setting for cancer research.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018

For more information and the application form, go to www.mdanderson.org/scienceparkeducation

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