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2025 Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship cohort at our end of program poster presentation.

Applications

The 2026 Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship application has closed. Our portal will begin accepting applications for the 2027 cohort in December 2026.

This summer program provides students with the opportunity to engage in the distinctive scientific environment of Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK). Medical students, typically between their first and second years of study, participate in research projects under the guidance and mentorship of MSK faculty members. Throughout their research experience, students attend lectures and seminars conducted by leading cancer researchers and innovators in oncology care. This structure allows students to gain firsthand experience in the rigorous process of scientific inquiry within the framework of a premier

academic cancer center, with a particular focus on precision medicine.

Established in 1977, the program has facilitated the involvement of over 1,500 medical students in advancing the research mission of a world-renowned academic medical institution. Its primary objectives are to deepen students' understanding of cancer biology and treatment and to inspire future careers in cancer research.

The program includes the following components:

- Opportunities to collaborate with mentors and engage in laboratories actively involved in translational research
- Clinical shadowing experiences that provide insight into clinical oncology practice
- Didactic sessions covering oncology, research methodologies, and professional development
- Skill-building activities designed to enhance students' ability to integrate scientific knowledge and effectively communicate their research findings to audiences

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Our 2026 Program will run from June 15, 2026 until August 7, 2026.

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Eligibility

Selection Criteria

Stipend

Housing

Past Medical Student Summer Fellowship Oncology Research  
Projects

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