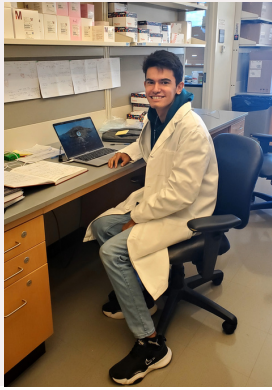




SPARC: Summer Program to Advance Research Careers

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2023



The SPARC program is an innovative and engaging program to spark interest in cancer and cancer disparities research. The intensive in-person 12-week program engages undergraduates in full-time, mentored, cancer research experiences in-person in research environments across Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC) and UMass Boston that are using emerging technologies. Program activities focus on three areas critical to the development of successful, innovative cancer researchers:

- Acquisition of scientific knowledge of cancer and emerging technologies
- Development of communication skills
- Individualized career preparation

PROGRAM LAUNCH DATE: MAY 30, 2023

PROGRAM FEATURES

SUMMER STIPEND!

HANDS-ON CANCER RESEARCH
SCIENTIFIC SKILLS TRAINING
MENTORSHIP BY RESEARCHERS
MENTORING & NETWORKING
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ABSTRACTS & PRESENTATIONS
JOURNAL CLUB
PRESENT AT AND ATTEND CONFERENCES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING**
 - First or second year student
 - Attend UMass Boston or local community colleges
- **BE A US CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT**
- **MEET AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**
 - Be from a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the sciences (Blacks, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders)
 - Be a first-generation college student
 - Be from an economically disadvantaged background
- **DEMONSTRATE STRONG INTEREST IN SCIENCE**
- **SHOW INTEREST IN PURSUING A BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE OR HEALTH CAREER**

APPLICATION

For more information and to access our application please visit our website:

<https://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/SPARC>

The application deadline is March 1, 2023

Note: SPARC students will be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and booster, and be available to participate both in-person and remotely for Summer 2023.

***About DF/HCC and the Initiative to Eliminate Cancer Disparities (IECD).** Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC) is the largest comprehensive cancer center in the world, bringing together the cancer research efforts of seven renowned, Harvard-affiliated institutions: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital Boston, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Massachusetts General Hospital. DF/HCC consists of more than 1,100 researchers with a singular goal – to find new and innovative ways to combat cancer. The SPARC Program is administered by the Initiative to Eliminate Cancer Disparities (IECD), created in 2001 to provide a centralized and coordinated structure for addressing the complexities of cancer disparities, including disparities in access to research training opportunities. It was among the nation's first integrated, inter-institutional, multi-pronged initiatives to address these concerns.*