GREAT PLAINS IDeA-CTR PBRN Summer Research Program

Scholarships available for student research projects utilizing the PBRN

The purpose of the Practice-Based Research Network Summer Research Program (PBRN SRP) is to provide College of Medicine Students an opportunity to work with rural primary care clinics to enhance their research skills by seeking information, analyzing data, and applying a solution to a community-identified problem. Funds are available for rising second-year medical students. Applicants should identify a faculty sponsor from UNMC's Department of Family Medicine. If accepted into the program, students will work on a research team with the Family Medicine faculty sponsor, a provider at one of the PBRN clinics, and the PBRN Manager. The Great Plains IDeA-CTR Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) was established to improve access to healthcare resources and promote primary care research across the Great Plains. A map detailing the location of PBRN sites is available on page two.

To apply for the PBRN SRP, students should develop a research plan of two to four pages that includes the following sections:

- Background
- Hypothesis
- Specific Aims
- Methods
- Collaboration with the PBRN

In addition to the research plan, students should complete the SRP application, attach a CV, and have UNMC Family Medicine sponsor complete the Sponsor Acknowledgement form*.

If the research project requires IRB or IACUC approval, documentation of approval must be submitted to the PBRN Coordinator before the start of the project. The PBRN SRP will not support



applicants who have any other paid appointment within the University of Nebraska system that will overlap with the employment dates of the PBRN SRP.

The maximum award will be \$3,200 per student. **Award stipends are considered taxable income.

Applications are due Sunday, February 8th, 2025.

Students will be notified of funding determination by May 1st, 2025. Following participation, an abstract written with assistance from the research sponsor will be requested. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to present the results of their research at the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum. The student should acknowledge the PBRN and the Great Plains IDeA-CTR as a source of research support.

In addition to these funds, the College of Medicine and the Department of Surgery also offer summer research scholarships. If interested, please contact Kari Nelson, PhD, at kari.nelson@unmc.edu or Stefani Coleman at stefani.coleman@unmc.edu.

Submission Checklist

- ✓ Research Plan
- ✓ MSSRP Application Form
- ✓ Family Medicine Sponsor Acknowledgement Form
- ✓ CV

*Please contact Emily Frankel at emily.frankel@unmc.edu with questions.



Map of PBRN Sites:



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