



# Microbiology and Immunology Diversity Scholars Program Application



The Microbiology and Immunology Diversity Scholars (MIDS) Program is an undergraduate research initiative established by the Graduate Program of Microbiology and Immunology (PMI) at the University of Pittsburgh. The aim of the MIDS Program is to promote diversity in STEM by engaging underrepresented-minority undergraduate students in long-term biomedical and/or public health research, career development, and mentorship in preparation for graduate-level education and careers in the biomedical sciences.

Eligible students must have a strong interest in microbiology or immunology. In addition, students must:

- Be able to commit a minimum of 10hrs/week to research for 10 weeks per semester.
- Be a member of a racial/ethnic group that is underrepresented in the biomedical sciences.
- Be  $\geq 18$  years of age and currently enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Have completed at least 1 semester of undergraduate coursework.
- Have excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.

Ideal candidates have 2+ years remaining of undergraduate coursework and are interested in pursuing graduate studies in a biomedical field.

Applications accepted for Fall and Spring semesters. Please compile the following application materials and email the completed application to [mids\\_program\\_pitt@groups.pitt.edu](mailto:mids_program_pitt@groups.pitt.edu) with the title “MIDS Program Application”.

## 1. Personal Information

Name:	
Student ID#:	
Major:	
Current GPA:	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	
U.S. Citizen?	Yes.    No.
*Racial/Ethnic Group: <i>*Groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical sciences as determined by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). <a href="https://diversity.nih.gov/aboutus/population-underrepresented">https://diversity.nih.gov/aboutus/population-underrepresented</a></i>	Black/African American Hispanic/Latino American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Research Interests: <b>Select no more than 3.</b>	Molecular Virology                      Immunology of Barrier Surfaces Microbial Pathogenesis                Tumor Immunology Antibiotic Resistance                    Transplantation Immunology Microbial Evolution                      Immunology of Infectious Disease Cancer Virology                            Systems Immunology Autoimmunity                                Basic Immunologic Mechanisms

In addition, please provide the following four documents:

2. Unofficial transcript
3. 1 letter of reference (Referee should email letter directly to [mids\\_program\\_pitt@groups.pitt.edu](mailto:mids_program_pitt@groups.pitt.edu))

4. Curriculum vitae/resume
5. 1-2 pages addressing the following:
  - i. Why are you interested in biomedical research?
  - ii. What are your career goals? How will the MIDS Program help to achieve those goals?
  - iii. Describe, if any, previous research experience (Note: lack of research experience ***will not*** exclude you from selection into the program)
  - iv. Any extenuating circumstances that should be considered with the application.

For more information on the MIDS Program visit: <http://www.pmi.pitt.edu/research/mid-scholars-program> or  
Contact our Program Director, Partha Biswas ([psb13@pitt.edu](mailto:psb13@pitt.edu))

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