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Dear Academic Counselor,

The **Center for Reproductive Medicine** at Cleveland Clinic has an exciting summer internship opportunity for highly motivated, academically oriented medical or undergrad students interested in a career in medicine.

The *Center for Reproductive Medicine* is a joint research program of the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute and the Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's Health Institute. Our research program is rated as a leading center of excellence at the world-class **Cleveland Clinic**, which ranks fourth in the nation among America's best hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The *Center for Reproductive Medicine* summer internship offers an opportunity for students interested in research in human fertility and reproductive biology to work with world-renowned scientists and researchers in the field. Members of our staff publish frequently in the field's most respected journals, are invited guest lecturers at important scientific/ medical meetings and courses around the world and are active in the leading professional societies in the exciting field of human reproductive medicine.

Our environment of academic and clinical collaboration offers an unsurpassed experience for students that include:

- Exposure to a state-of-the-art research environment
- Training in the art and science of how research is conducted
- Mentorship by respected researchers at a world-renowned medical institution
- A solid foundation for a future in medicine

The program's goal is to encourage students to consider a career in medicine, whether in the reproductive sciences or another specialty of their choosing. To this end, we have designed the summer internship to offer students a wide range of high quality experiences during an eight- to 12-week program:

- Work alongside reproductive scientists and staff clinicians on interesting research projects in real laboratory environments
- Interact with infertility specialist: reproductive endocrinologists (gynecologists) or male infertility specialists (urologists) and observe them in clinics or in surgery
- Participate in writing of research articles, reviews and invited book chapters in reproductive biology and human infertility
- Attend weekly research meetings, lectures, didactics, journal clubs and group discussions.

These interactions provide an understanding of how reproductive research is conducted:

- Present research findings in departmental meetings
- Prepare and present PowerPoint talks at research conferences
- Acquire skills in electronic database search, literature review and scientific writing of research reports
- Learn data compilation and analysis
- Understand the application of statistical methods in basic and clinical reproductive science research

Fourteen students were selected to work in our program in the summer of 2008. To learn more about last year's Summer Internship Program, please visit

http://www.clevelandclinic.org/reproductiveresearchcenter/info/traininfo_int.html, where you can gain insight into what to expect by: 1) viewing the internship teaching and training schedule,

2) browsing through scientific presentation given by interns, 3) review firsthand accounts from our interns of their experience with us and 4) browse through pictures of interns farewell.

Who can Apply: Undergraduate, graduate and medical students.

Application and Selection:

Our selection procedure for summer internship positions is highly competitive. Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. Recent curriculum vitae/resume
2. Two (2) recent letters of recommendation from advisors, teachers, or persons who have a first hand knowledge of the candidate
3. Address, telephone number (for personal interview)
4. Provide the date when they can begin, if selected
5. Provide a letter stating that they have finances to cover their stay as no stipend is available
6. Proof of medical insurance

Application should be submitted to:

Program Director
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Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Avenue
Desk A19.1
Cleveland, OH 44195
TEL: (216) 444-9485
FAX: (216) 445-6049
Email: agarwaa@CCF.ORG

Application Deadline: February 15, 2009

Program Start Date: June 1, 2009

Over the past 15 years we have trained more than 150 medical residents, physicians, medical students, undergraduate students and summer interns.

Additional information and details about the program and available opportunities can be found on our website: <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/reproductiveresearchcenter/>

We look forward to receiving applications from your students. Please feel free to contact us at 216.444.9485 or Agarwaa@ccf.org with any questions about the program.

Sincerely,

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