Introduction to Cancer Research Careers (ICRC)

I knew that ICRC was exactly the kind of experience I was seeking.

—ICRC participant
What is the ICRC program?

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the largest component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a world leader in cancer research. NCI recognizes the importance of training and mentoring talented researchers from underrepresented populations and financially disadvantaged backgrounds. Each year highly-qualified students apply for an all expense paid, two-day visit to the main campus of the NIH located in Bethesda, MD, through the Introduction to Cancer Research Careers (ICRC) program.

ICRC participants tour NCI and NIH facilities, learn about various scientist-in-training programs, listen to and network with research fellows, and interview for a potential research internship with NCI investigators. This program provides participants with the opportunity to experience the NCI first-hand and interact with the world’s leading cancer researchers.

At the NCI, every day is an opportunity to learn and explore.

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What do participants receive?

- Travel to and from Maryland
- Hotel accommodations and meals
- NIH campus and NCI laboratory tours
- Valuable student workshops and information sessions
- Interviews with NCI investigators seeking to fill Summer and Post-Baccalaureate internship positions

Eligibility Requirements*

- Undergraduate, Post-Baccalaureate (within two years), or Graduate Student of an accredited U.S. college or university
- GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Demonstrated research experience
- Available for a full-time Summer OR Post-Baccalaureate internship
- United States citizen or permanent resident
- Must be at least 18 years of age or older by the February visit
- Member of an underrepresented population OR financially disadvantaged background

*Visit our website for complete eligibility details.

Program Timeline

Application Opens: September
Applications Due: November
Participants Notified: December
ICRC Visit: February

For specific dates, visit: http://icrc.nci.nih.gov
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Admission is highly competitive. Applications will be evaluated by a panel of NCI scientists.

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If you are hired as an intern...

You will work under the direction of an NCI investigator and in concert with other researchers, fellows, and technicians. You will have the opportunity to attend seminars on topics related to cancer research and prevention.

Please note: Selection as a participant of the ICRC program does not guarantee an internship at the NCI.

The ICRC internship helped me to see where I want to be in the future and what path I should follow to reach it.

—ICRC participant