

Eligibility criteria for National Institutes of Health (NIH) R25-funded programs

The NIH R25-funded Undergraduate and Veterinary Student Summer Research Program in Biomedical Sciences at MSU is intended for students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research who are interested in exploring research career options in the biomedical sciences as relates to heart, lung and blood health and disease. Applicants are chosen through a competitive evaluation process.

Who is eligible?

Students who are interested in biomedical research training and are:

- Available in the coming summer to participate in a 12-week research training program at Michigan State University
- Currently a full-time student in good academic standing attending a 4-year accredited US college or university
- US citizen or legal resident (green card) residing in the United States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, or Guam, or a I-551 stamp in their passport.
- From underrepresented populations, or have disabilities, or have financially disadvantaged backgrounds

Who are the underrepresented populations?

The following populations are considered to be underrepresented in biomedical research:

- *American Indian or Alaska Native*-A person having origins in any of the original people of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment
- *Black or African American*-A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- *Hispanic/Latino America*-A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin
- *Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander*-A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Island

What is considered a financially disadvantaged background?

An individual from a disadvantaged background is one who comes from a family with an annual income below a level published by the US Bureau of the Census and adjusted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, for use in all health professions' programs.

What is required as proof of income?

Applicants claiming a financially disadvantaged background must provide copies of their most recent federal tax returns for themselves, or their parents (if a dependent), and/or their spouse (if applicable) and must be of "exceptional financial need (EFN)" as defined by the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (Federal Register, Vol 77, issue 17, January 26, 2012, p. 4034-5).

Income Levels to Qualify for Financially Disadvantaged Background

Persons in Family (includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms)	Family Income Level (Adjusted gross income, rounded to the nearest \$100)
1	\$22,340
2	\$30,260
3	\$38,180
4	\$46,100
5	\$54,020
6	\$61,940
7	\$69,860
8	\$77,780

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,960 for each additional person.