

Summer GUIDE Internship

Program Overview

- Partnership with University of Illinois Cancer Center (UICC)
- Provide a catalyst for representation of minorities in the area of cancer disparities research

Training-Education Core

- Provide GSU undergraduate students with educational experience through mentorship to facilitate growth
- Engage in research training as it relates to *local* cancer disparities



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The GUIDE Project

The Governors State University (GSU) - University of Illinois Cancer Center (UICC) Disparities Education Cancer Research and Training Project

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Advancing health equity in the Southlands by fighting cancer

Become a GUIDE Project Summer Intern

- **Paid Summer Research Internships for Juniors and Seniors**
- **Faculty Mentoring Opportunities**
- **Professional and Career Development Workshops**
- **End of Program Symposium**

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How to get involved...

Benefits

As a GUIDE Project Intern, you will have the opportunity to network with faculty and researchers at UICC and GSU. The internship experience will provide an outlet for you to establish a mentor (or mentors) currently in the field of cancer health disparities research. Benefits also include:

- Building upon experience in the field of health and human services, specifically, cancer-related topics
- Financial assistance
- Residential housing is available
- Development of verbal and written communication skills
- Leadership opportunities within your community
- Collaboration with researchers and/or faculty
- Strengthening your resume and skills as a student researcher

Make a difference in your community by applying your much-needed knowledge and motivation through contributions to research!

*IN 2017, THERE WILL BE AN ESTIMATED **64,720** NEW CANCER CASES DIAGNOSED AND **24,040** CANCER DEATHS IN **ILLINOIS** ALONE.*

Cancer Facts & Figures
American Cancer Society
(2017)



2017 GUIDE Summer Research Interns at program symposium

Research Activities

GUIDE Project Interns are assigned a mentor based on shared interest and career aspirations. Mentor will design and implement a research project supported by a UICC researcher or research team. As an Intern, your responsibilities may include:

- Attending workshops or conferences related to latest research
- Contributing to project team meetings
- Conducting literature reviews
- Recruiting or enrolling research participants
- Collecting, maintaining and/or analyzing data
- Develop and present research paper, poster, and oral presentation with guidance
- Attend weekly writing workshop and journal club
- Participate in volunteer and other community outreach experiences
- Instituting health programs related to education, outreach and intervention

Application Process

Consideration for an internship opportunity through the GUIDE Project requires an application process:

- A complete application form on file
- Provide copy of current resume and cover letter
- Provide copy of unofficial college transcripts
- Personal statement describing specific interest in cancer disparities
- Provide 2 official letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member)
- Statement of current career trajectory
- Be able to make an eight week commitment over the summer

Turn completed application packet, in person, to the Project Manager, Kathy Gustafson, G374. Deadline: February 28, 2018



"This collaborative effort will make a difference right now in our **Southland communities** as well as support the development of **future leaders** in cancer health disparities research."
~ GSU Provost Deborah Bordelon

"The GUIDE program furthered my interest in the field of public health by providing me with a vast array of knowledgeable resources to utilize in the near future. I appreciate the GUIDE program for opening my eyes to the many disparities faced by individuals who look like me. With this knowledge, I want to be able to address these issues and create change for a greater future".
~ GSU Summer Intern 2017 Monet Jones