

Training Minority Pharmacy Students at Hampton University School of Pharmacy in Biomedical Research



The Hampton University School of Pharmacy (HUSOP) received a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Heart Lung and Blood Institutes (NIH/NHLBI) in 2016 to establish a training initiative that will expose underrepresented minority pharmacy students to biomedical research, and help increase their participation in academic research. Dr. Anand Iyer, Dean of the School of Pharmacy serves as the Principal Investigator (PI), and Dr. Neelam Azad, Chairperson and Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences serves as the co-PI on

the grant.

The HU-SPEAR (Summer Pharmacy Experiences in Academic Research) program offers a 10-week intensive hands-on research-training course involving both didactic and laboratory components, directed under the guidance of faculty mentors at Hampton University and collaborating institutions. In the past three years, twenty one (21) professional pharmacy students have engaged in paid summer internships in biomedical research at various funded labs at Hampton University and Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS).

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