Emory and Atlanta
The Emory campus is located six miles northeast of downtown Atlanta. The ninth largest U.S. metropolitan area, Atlanta is home to state government, regional centers of the U.S. government, and numerous corporations and organizations like the American Cancer Society, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the King Center, The Carter Center, CNN and Coca-Cola. It is also a major center for higher education, which includes Emory, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University and 16 other colleges and universities.

Here’s what past participants have said:

“...a very helpful and motivating experience for prospective researchers.”

“It honestly gave me confidence in myself as a scientist that I had never felt before.”

“It felt like each student, undergraduate and graduate alike, was an individual that Emory truly cared about and not a number.”

“...transformed my perception of myself as a scientist.”

In collaboration with Emory College, Emory School of Medicine — Office of Postdoctoral Education, Rollins School of Public Health and the Emory University Office of the Provost.

Participants include the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, the MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program, Public Health Sciences and the programs of Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science, Nursing, Physics and Psychology.
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Students are required to submit abstracts of their research for review by a selection committee of Emory training faculty from science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)-related programs, including those doctoral programs that align with the MD/PhD program. Ten students will be selected to give oral presentations and all others will present their research in a poster session.

There will be ample opportunity to meet with faculty and students of the participating programs, including training grant programs. Breakout sessions will cover topics relevant to students at this stage of their career and advisors of such students.

Trainees from diverse backgrounds (to include ethnicity, race, economic status, disability, educational experience, first generation status, and in some cases, gender) can apply for diversity travel awards that will provide for travel and housing for the student and possibly her/his advisor.

A wide breadth of abstract categories are covered, including:
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biostatistics
- Cell Biology
- Cancer Biology
- Chemistry
- Developmental Biology
- Environmental Health and Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Genetics
- Immunology
- Materials Science
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Nutrition
- Pharmacology
- Physics and Astronomy
- Physiology
- Population Biology, Ecology and Evolution
- Psychology and Behavioral Sciences

We encourage underrepresented minority students, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students who are pursuing a career in STEM disciplines to apply.