**Microbial Sciences Initiative (MSI)**

**Application for Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship**

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Standing in the upcoming summer (**Bold** one): *Rising Sophomore* *Rising Junior Rising Senior*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MSI Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By summer, will you be new to this faculty’s lab? *(i.e., not previously a lab member*)

Yes No

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**MSI Fellowship Application Instructions:**

After you have successfully filed out the Harvard Common Application for Research and Travel (CARAT, <https://carat.fas.harvard.edu/applicant/browse?type=U>[)](https://apps2.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/carat/))and printed/saved to a .pdf file the cover page of the CARAT form, complete this proposal form for your individual research project in close collaboration with your MSI Faculty Sponsor. Submit both files (CARAT and this MSI document) via email attachment to Dr. Hannah Gavin (hgavin@fas.harvard.edu) by the application deadline. For your application to be complete, your MSI Faculty Sponsor must send a brief email to Hannah Gavin expressing support of your proposed project and willingness to accept you into their laboratory.

***Check list for complete submission:***

1. CARAT cover sheet (.pdf file)
2. MSI Application and description of proposed project (preferred as .pdf file, but .doc or .rtf file acceptable)
3. Email of support from MSI Faculty Sponsor

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**Requirements of Fellowship:**

**Students receiving an MSI fellowship must:**

1. Be a current Harvard Undergraduate Student during the summer of the fellowship.
   1. Please note that this means that recent graduates are not eligible for funding.
2. Devote full-time to science research under the guidance of their MSI-Associated Faculty Sponsor during 10 weeks of summer fellowship.
3. Attend weekly group meetings of the MSI Fellows. These meetings are generally 1.5 hours per week in the late afternoon (specific day and time to be announced). \**Please note that the format and duration of these meetings will be flexible in 2021 in response to COVID conditions.*
4. Not register for any summer courses, or accept any other paying jobs during the period of the fellowship that would interfere with the completion of student research, unless given permission by your MSI Faculty Sponsor.
5. Not accept other Harvard-affiliated student research funding for this project proposal unless you are prepared to receive reduced MSI funding. We want to ensure that campus resources support as many students as possible. If receiving funds from other sources, your overall MSI funding will be reduced so that the total amount awarded per student does not exceed $4000 (inclusive of both personal stipend and research supply funds).
6. Expect your Faculty Sponsor to purchase research supplies/equipment/services in support of your project as deemed appropriate by them with their own funds. This issue should be discussed as students work collaboratively with sponsors to write their proposal.
7. Commit to present your research project at the MSI Undergraduate Fellowship Poster Symposium which takes place at the beginning of fall term (exact date and time to be determined). \**Please note that the format and duration of this meeting may change in response to COVID conditions.*

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**Proposed Research with Project Timeline**

***In 2 pages or less, please describe the research project to be undertaken during 10-week sponsored fellowship:***