CaRES Internship Weeks

CaRES Students and Preceptors for Summer 2016,

Thank you for your participation in the CaRES program! We hope that your summertime research will be enjoyable and that it will be a great learning experience.

I have received emails from a few CaRES students who had questions about the number of weeks for which they can be paid for their CaRES work this summer. The answer depends on the academic calendar for each student’s program of study. We can pay CaRES students only as their academic calendars allow, i.e., we cannot pay students to do CaRES during the weeks when they are engaged in full-time study.

Whereas most preceptors indicated in their project descriptions that they wanted to recruit a student to work with them for the maximum allowable pay period of 12 weeks, most students who are eligible to do CaRES are not free for 12 weeks (between Spring semester 2016 and Fall semester 2016) to work full-time.

Here is a summary of the available dates (and number of weeks) for each pool of students eligible for CaRES, this information drawn from program websites and from the Associate Deans in these Schools:

**UAB Public Health Students: May 31 to August 26 (13 weeks)**

**UAB Medical Students: June 6 to July 29 (8 weeks); or to August 12 (10 weeks)**

**USA Medical Students: May 31 to August 5 (10 weeks)**

**Auburn Veterinary Medicine Students: May 31 to August 12 (11 weeks)**

**Auburn Pharmacy Students: May 31 to July 29 (9 weeks); or to August 12 (11 weeks)**

**Samford Pharmacy Students: May 31 to August 19 (12 weeks)**

The individual CaRES award letters prepared by Ms. Judy Baker (CaRES Internship Coordinator) indicate the appropriate number of weeks of support for each CaRES student, corresponding to the information above. Any CaRES student who believes that the available dates indicated above do not apply to him or her, should contact Ms. Baker (934-7128, or janbaker@uab.edu) to request and justify a different number of weeks of support.

In general, each CaRES internship requires full-time effort and should last at least 8 weeks (except with special permission for a shorter period of time) and at most 12 weeks. This being said, we allow each preceptor and his / her CaRES student to define “full-time effort” in terms of a daily or weekly schedule that takes into account the nature of the work (e.g., laboratory, clinical, community-based, etc.) and any deadlines that the preceptor must meet.

Also, students who plan to take vacation days or engage in outside activities (e.g., participate in new student orientation events, or engage in mission work) during their CaRES pay period should inform their preceptors of their anticipated absences from the job; and should work out a payment plan with Ms. Baker so that they will be paid only for the equivalent of the number of full-time weeks that they worked.

I hope that this information is clear. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baker or me. Thank you!

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