



SUMMER 2024

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

*Community-Engaged Research Project with the PATIENTS Program at the
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy*

OVERVIEW: One 10 week/400-hour student internship is being offered to a College of Behavioral and Social Sciences or School of Public Health student with an interest in community-engaged research. Funded by the [University of Maryland Strategic Partnership \(MPower\)](#), the project is part of the UM Scholars program for a University of Maryland College Park student to conduct research with patients, caregivers, community members, health care providers, and other stakeholders who influence patients' decisions about participation in their health care and research. The intern will work under the supervision of [Professor C. Daniel Mullins, PhD](#), Executive Director of the [PATIENTS Program](#) at the [University of Maryland Baltimore's School of Pharmacy](#). The selected student will receive \$5,500 for the work, to be paid in two over the 10 weeks. Our research is conducted in community settings within Baltimore and virtually.

IDEAL CANDIDATE: This project is appropriate for a student from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences or School of Public Health or any other student interested in public health and patient-centered research. Student must be actively enrolled in Fall 2024 semester to be considered.

LOCATION: Hybrid – In-person & Remote (In-person: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Remote: Thursday, Friday) Traveling to, and parking at UMB, is the responsibility of the student and paid for in the stipend. **Note: Some weekend work may be required to attend community events.*

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ABOUT THE PROJECT:

- The PATIENTS Program works with community leaders and organizations to codevelop study protocols and advance the science of patient engagement and authentic community-academic partnerships to advance health equity.
- Research portfolio is “disease agnostic,” meaning that we focus on best practices for meaningful and trustworthy engagement in research; however, our current projects span conditions such as cancer, COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, pain, trauma and traumatic brain injury and subpopulations such as African Americans and other racial/ethnic minorities, disability and impairment populations, seniors, and women.
- Our current NIH-funded work explores how to build a memorandum of commitment and data-use agreements that reflect community concerns and bioethical principles.
- Our collaborative research with the FDA explores innovative ways to enhance diversity in



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recruitment in clinical trials by utilizing the community pharmacy as a decentralized clinical trial recruitment site. In addition, we are collaborating with the FDA to evaluate and communicate about the intersection of human health, animal health, and the environment as part of a current M-CERSI award related to the OneHealth Initiative.

- In Summer 2022, we launched the PATIENTS Professors Academy, which was expanded in 2023 in hopes of providing an intern with the opportunity to participate in a training program about patient-centered research.
- The student intern will participate in meetings for ongoing research projects and will carve out a specific topic to lead. Topics could include developing a tool for the toolkit, developing questions for focus groups, or creating a “give back” or infographic about one of our community-engaged research projects. The student intern is encouraged to participate in community events in addition to community-engaged research, questions for focus groups, or creating an infographic about one of our community-engaged research projects. The student intern may participate in (virtual) community events in addition to community-engaged research.

For more information on The PATIENTS Program: <https://patients.umaryland.edu/>
<https://www.facebook.com/PATIENTSProgram/>

International Students: F-1 or J-1 students should consult an International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) advisor for this activity. If you are interested in applying, ***please contact ISSS before*** submitting your application.

APPLY HERE.

Application Deadline: 11:59 on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Application must include:

1. A Statement of Interest (no more than 500 words) as a PDF. Please identify the file as follows:
Your_Last_Name_SOI
2. A PDF of your current resume. Please identify the file as follows: Your_Last_Name_Resume

Questions may be sent to Adrienne Arthur, Executive Director and Assistant Vice Provost, University of Maryland Strategic Partnership, aarthur@umaryland.edu.