MIDPH Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

How many applications are received and how many are accepted?
We receive many hundreds of applications to our MIDPH Summer Research program. On average, approximately 5% of all applicants will receive an offer. We are sorry, but each year we must disappoint many well qualified applicants.

When will acceptances be released?
Application review will begin after the application period closes (15 March). Decisions will be released prior to 29 March. Applicants will be notified by email of our decision and will have approximately 10 days to respond to offers of admission. The first program activity is Move-In Day held on Memorial Day in May.

Are there associated fees for participation?
No. There are no fees required for either application or participation in the MIDPH program.

Will I receive a stipend for participation in the MIDPH program?
Yes. Accepted individuals will receive a stipend of approximately $2,500 for the duration of the program. The stipend will be paid in two (2) installments.

Are International students eligible for this program?
No. Eligible students are U.S. Citizens or those who hold “Permanent Resident” immigration status.

Is housing provided?
Yes. There is no cost for housing. Individuals accepted to our MIDPH program will stay in one of our apartment dormitories as suite-mates. Features include:

- 24-hour student security
- Air-conditioned
- Coeducational
- Coin/VCUCard operated laundry room
- Housekeeping for commons area
- Resident Assistants
- Secured with VCUCard access
- TV Lounge
- Wired for internet and cable TV; landline telephone connections are not provided
- Shower Curtain and bathroom tissue will be provided.
  - Not provided – cooking utensils, kitchen/bath comfort items.

Will there be a program orientation session?
Yes. Orientation will be the first activity for this program and will be held on Tuesday morning, following “Move-In” Day, in Sanger Hall (1101 East Marshall Street). You will receive notice of the exact location prior to your arrival.

What is the Dress Code for this program?
The only stipulation is - no open toed shoes. Otherwise, you may wear comfortable and seasonable clothing, in good repair.
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Things to Consider:

Parking -
Parking is an issue. Those of you bringing a car to campus may park in the in the deck as hourly parking, for approximately $9 per day. It may be possible to purchase a summer semester parking pass at a discounted rate. Street parking is available, and you are encouraged to take advantage of free or metered parking. You would be responsible for parking fees and resolution of any "request for a required donation" from the Richmond City Police Department.

Gym membership -
Cary Street Gym is located 1 block south of your dormitory. You are eligible for membership and the cost is approx. $20 per month. Let us know of your interest in this at orientation. You would be responsible for membership and any additional fees. http://www.recsports.vcu.edu/

Library Access -
You may have access to the University Libraries. Please let us know of your interest at orientation, so we can make arrangements for you.

Housing -
You will reside in one of our apartment dormitories, Gladding Residence Center, (Phase 1). The link below will describe your accommodations in detail. http://www.housing.vcu.edu/halls_villages/grc1.html

Early Move-in at beginning of summer program?
If you need to request an early “move-in”, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for you. As this is a holiday weekend, staffing is limited and guests arriving outside of the standard “move-in” date and times who have not requested assistance in advance may experience some delay upon arrival and check-in.

Delayed Move-Out at end of summer program?
The last program event is the Research Poster Presentation, typically held on the final Friday. Some individuals choose to leave shortly after this event; others remain for the traditional move-out day on the following Saturday. If you need to request a delayed “move-out”, please let us know so that we can make appropriate arrangements for you.

Mailing Address?
Your mailing address will be as follows:

[name]
[room number]
711 West Main Street
Richmond, VA 23220
804-828-0992 (gladding res. cntr main number).

What is my room number?
You will receive your room number at check-in.