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Dear Dean of Student Affairs,

I would like to let you know about an exciting opportunity for your students to engage in mentored summer research. The University of Maryland School of Medicine's SPORT program offers an 8-12 week program of mentored research training for medical students during the summer between the first and second year of medical school. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), this program offers medical students the opportunity to conduct basic science or clinical research in the areas of obesity, diabetes, nutrition and related diseases.

In the summer of 2019, we will match 12 students with one of our renowned faculty members. At the conclusion of the program, students will participate in a research symposium to present their work and have an opportunity to meet other summer research students and mentors. Participants of this program are also encouraged to attend the National Diabetes Research Symposium, held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN in August. Program funds may be used to support travel to the national meeting. ☐

Instructions and details regarding the application process can be found at <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/sport/>. The application deadline is January 4, 11:59 pm. Please share this information with your first year medical students.

Sincerely,

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