**UICHeart for Summer of 2024**

1.) To provide a mentored research experience in research that supports the mission of the American Heart Association

2.) To provide training in professional skills that will assist the participants in pursuing a research-intensive or research related career.

**Requirements for student participants**:

**1.** **Eligibility** Applicants must be currently enrolled as undergraduate students who will have junior or senior academic status during the program. Students must be in good academic standing with a GPA ≥ 3.0. At the time of application, students must be United States citizens or foreign nationals holding a student, exchange or permanent resident visa, including an F1, H1, H1B, J1, PR, TC or TN visa. Awardees must meet American Heart Association citizenship criteria throughout the duration of the award.

The AHA is deeply committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse group of trainees and employees that refleects the AHA patient population and community, with a focus on candidates who are Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM). Students who are economically disadvantaged, disabled and/or part of a group or community that is Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) are strongly encouraged to apply.

**2. Participation in research program** 100% effort for 10 weeks, equal to 40 hours per week. The trainee should have no additional jobs and should not be taking classes during the funded time.

**3. Attend at least 10 professional development activities** organized by Prof. Jeffery and colleagues (most will be available via zoom). Workshops, panel discussions, and seminars will provide training in experimental design and professional skills, scientific communication, research ethics and the graduate school and professional school application process.

**Application for UICHeart, Summer 2024**

**1. Research Mentor Contact Information**

**Name:**

**Department:**

**University:**

**Email Address:**

**Current Mailing Address:**

**\*\*Please ask your proposed research mentor to send Dr. Jeffery a letter of support for the project (email with a few sentences including the name of the student and proposal research topic is fine)**

**2. Undergraduate Participant Contact Information**

Last Name.

First Name: Middle Name:

Date of Birth:

Current Mailing Address:

Email Address:

**3. Demographic information for undergraduate participant**

Citizenship:

\_\_\_\_\_USA

\_\_\_\_\_Permanent Resident

\_\_\_\_\_Other

Ethnicity (please check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_African American

\_\_\_\_\_Puerto Rican

\_\_\_\_\_Mexican American

\_\_\_\_\_Latinx American

\_\_\_\_\_Native American/Tribal Affiliation

\_\_\_\_\_White/Caucasian American

\_\_\_\_\_Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

\_\_\_\_\_Asian American

\_\_\_\_\_Other

Will you be the first person of your immediate family to graduate from a four-year institution?

\_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Current Undergraduate Class (for 2024-2025 academic year)

\_\_\_\_\_1st year

\_\_\_\_\_Sophomore

\_\_\_\_\_Junior

\_\_\_\_\_Senior

**4. Current Academic Institution**

Institution Name:

Institution address (city and state or territory):

Major:

Overall GPA:

Expected graduation date:

**5. Accessibility.** As we plan this online research opportunity we especially welcome students who have physical challenges that might make it challenging to participate in other undergraduate research opportunities. We plan to work with our Disability Services Committee to make this program accessible to participants with physical challenges. Please indicate if there are accommodations that would help make this program accessible for you.

**6. Please indicate eligibility according to AHA requirements** – “an undergraduate

student must be classified at junior or senior and must be enrolled full-time or a recent

graduate of an undergraduate degree program at a four-year college or university. A

student who was previously supported by an AHA student fellowship may apply for one

additional fellowship in a subsequent year. An application for a second undergraduate

fellowship should be well-justified. At the time of application, the student must be a United

States citizen, or foreign national holding a student, exchange, or permanent resident visa,

including an F-1, H1, H1B, J1, PR, or TN. Students may not hold funds from AHA

Scholarships in Cardiovascular Disease given by AHA Professional Councils at the same

time as they are supported by an AHA Institutional Award."

**Eligible\_\_\_\_\_**

**Not Eligible\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Please provide an (unofficial) transcript** that shows their GPA, indicates the student is in good academic standing at their home institution, and that includes the most recent Fall semester grades (if available at the time of application)

**8. Please provide a summary of the lab classes and other courses in science** the applicant has completed.

**9. Please provide a paragraph about your proposed research project and how it is related to advancing the mission of the American Heart Association**