Looking to gain paid research experience and build the skills you need to bolster your application for a PhD or MD/PhD program? Designed to support and prepare diverse recent college graduates, the Diversity in Cancer Research Postbaccalaureate Program can get you there.

Why Case Western Reserve University?

Case Western Reserve is a top research university located in Cleveland, Ohio, just 5 miles east of downtown. We’re situated in the heart of University Circle, one of the city’s most energetic and culturally robust communities—not to mention a hub of world-class healthcare institutions, including Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, MetroHealth System and Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. Ranked as one of the country’s most livable cities, Cleveland has plenty to offer—come see for yourself!
Program Overview

The Diversity in Cancer Research Postbaccalaureate Program is offered jointly by Case Western Reserve University's Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (Case CCC) and the American Cancer Society. The Program aims to increase the diversity of the scientific workforce as defined by the NIH's Interest in Diversity (NOT-OD-20-031). The Case CCC is a partnership organization that propels cancer research forward at CWRU, Cleveland Clinic, and University Hospitals.

Through this partnership, you’ll benefit from access to Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and its allied hospitals—home to faculty, staff and dynamic laboratory settings that can provide you with well-rounded training in cancer biology. Other program features include:

- Two-year employment in research
- Graduate-level coursework
- Shadowing/mentoring by cancer physicians
- Weekly program meetings
- One-on-one mentoring sessions
- Formal preparation for standardized tests and applications to doctoral programs
- A potential to fast track your education in CWRU’s PhD or MD/PhD programs

Additionally, you’ll be supported through:

- A competitive stipend and moving allowance
- Access to health insurance and student facilities
- Free tuition
- Trips to national meetings

Application Checklist

Applicants to ACS postbaccalaureate research program must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be a senior about to graduate with a baccalaureate degree in biology, chemistry or a related field, or have attained such a degree 24 months prior to the date of submission of application
- Is a member of a group defined by the NIH’s Notice of Interest in Diversity (NOT-OD-20-031)
- Have a strong desire and commitment to pursue a PhD or MD/PhD program
- Have some, but perhaps limited, research experience

Ready to learn more? Reach out to us at cancer-training@case.edu or scan the QR code to visit our website.