

**UCDHS**  
**Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**  
**Edmondson Summer Research Program**  
Instructions on Writing Personal Statement

Write your personal statement in a natural style, so that it conveys who you are. Present your information and ideas in a focused, thoughtful and meaningful manner. Support your ideas with specific examples. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments is not usually persuasive. Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone.

The UCDCM Edmondson Summer Research Program seeks to enroll students who demonstrate a strong interest and motivation in research or a career in the health sciences such as Clinical Laboratory Scientists and Cytotechnologists. In order to understand a student's motivation and dedication to the Edmondson Summer Research Program, your statement should include how you have taken advantage of your previous educational opportunities to prepare for this program, Please also reflect on your academic or creative interests, and potential to contribute to the vitality of the UCDCM Edmondson Summer Research Program by telling us about a talent, experience, contribution or personal quality you will bring to the Program. If applicable, please share any important aspects of your schooling or your life, such as personal circumstances, family experiences, and opportunities that were not available through your school or college, which may not have been sufficiently addressed elsewhere in your application to the Program.

**Please note:** Your personal statement should be between 500 and 800 words. When submitting your personal statement, please use the “instructions on Writing Personal Statement” as a cover sheet. Thank you.