

Ted Mullin Fund Scholars Summer Program

The University of Chicago is pleased to partner with the Ted Mullin Fund to offer four (4) Ted Mullin Fund Scholar positions for the 2026 summer. Upon selection, Ted Mullin Fund Scholars will be invited to spend 10 weeks in person in the summer of 2026 in a laboratory under the mentorship of an esteemed pediatric cancer researcher within the Section of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, at the University of Chicago. Candidates applying must provide proof of vaccination if selected.

The research experience is the core of the program, which provides hands-on, immersion into a cancer research environment under the supervision of an established, funded investigator. Depending on the specific project and mentor, students will develop an understanding of cancer epidemiology, immunology, treatment of cancer, molecular and biochemical underpinnings of cancer, biomarker development, noncancerous blood disorders, and anemias, such as sickle cell disease, and development of anticancer agents. Scholars interested in clinical shadowing require a health and drug screening. Screening requirements will be provided to selected scholars prior to arrival; drug screenings must be completed and submitted to the program, prior to arrival.

Research projects will be designed by mentors to be independent, limited, and achievable in 10 weeks. Students will be mentored through one-on-one interactions with the principal investigator of the assigned lab and may be trained in technical skills by post-doctoral scholars, senior graduate students, fellows, or technical staff in the laboratory. The scholars will participate in laboratory meetings and seminars as required by the mentor.

A \$5,500 stipend will be offered to each scholar for their participation in the program. In its fourteenth year, the Ted Mullin Fund Scholars Program has standardized an application and selection process.

Application and Selection Process:

- By January 31, 2026, aspiring Ted Mullin Fund Scholars must submit:
 - A resume or CV.
 - An up-to-date college transcript: unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
 - In 500 words or less, a description of the career you would like to have in science and/or medicine, and how the Ted Mullin Fund Scholars position will support your career vision.
 - A cover letter that describes your/your school's relationship with the Ted Mullin "Leave it in the Pool" Hour of Power event.
 - Complete applications should be submitted, via email, to Di'Nia Sivongsay (DiNia.Sivongsay@bsd.uchicago.edu) by January 31, 2026.

Absolutely no late applications will be considered.

- Applications are reviewed by a committee, under the leadership of James LaBelle, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor & Interim Section Chief of the Department of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation, University of Chicago.

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- Selected scholars may identify three (3) faculty research labs they are interested in; placements will be based on merit, commitment, and research interest.
- Ted Mullin Fund Scholars are notified of selection decisions by March 3, 2026.
- The 10-week internship will begin the week of **June 8, 2026**, and end by **August 14, 2026**.
- The Section of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology with assistance from prior Mullin Scholars will assist in identifying housing in the Hyde Park area for the 10-week internship. Selected scholars will be responsible for securing a lease and payment.
- If selected to participate, Scholars will not be able to hold an additional paid position at the University throughout the duration of the Mullin Scholar program.

Eligibility

- The Ted Mullin Fund Scholar positions are exclusively limited to collegiate athletes who participate in the **2025-26** Ted Mullin “Leave it in the Pool” Hour of Power event AND whose teams are registered for the **2025-26** event at <https://athletics.carleton.edu/sports/2019/8/20/hour-of-power-for-sarcoma-research.aspx>
- Ted Mullin Fund Scholars must be actively pursuing a degree in science or pre-medicine, mathematics, or a related field.
- All applicants must be currently enrolled in good standing in a 4-year college or University.
- Applicants who will be a graduated senior at the start of the internship are eligible.
- Questions should be directed to Di’Nia Sivongsay, DiNia.Sivongsay@bsd.uchicago.edu or (773) 795-4458.
- Links to Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Faculty Specialties and Research Interests:
 - <https://pediatrics.uchicago.edu/faculty/mark-applebaum-md>
 - <https://pediatrics.uchicago.edu/faculty/eric-c-beyer-md-phd>
 - <https://pediatrics.uchicago.edu/faculty/susan-l-cohn-md>
 - <https://pediatrics.uchicago.edu/faculty/james-l-labelle-md-phd>
 - <https://pediatrics.uchicago.edu/faculty/gabrielle-lapping-carr-md>
 - <https://pediatrics.uchicago.edu/faculty/andrea-piunti>
 - <https://biologicalsciences.uchicago.edu/faculty/austin-wesevich-md-phd-ms>