The Cancer Research Experiences for Students (CaRES) Program provides summer internships for students interested in cancer research. CaRES focuses on recruitment of UAB students in the Schools of Medicine and Public Health, although graduate students from Dentistry, Nursing, and other schools are also eligible. Recruitment of qualified minority students is emphasized. High school students and undergraduate students are not eligible for CaRES unless they have been accepted by UAB as an incoming graduate or medical student. Because the program is funded by the National Cancer Institute, only American citizens are eligible.

Through screening of individual project requirements and student credentials, the CaRES Program Faculty and CaRES Preceptors will facilitate pairing of students with projects for which they are best suited, in order to optimize the experience for all. Students will be paid a competitive hourly wage, and may receive limited funds for research supplies. Internships in cancer research can be undertaken in the summer prior to matriculation, or in the summer following the first academic year, for periods of eight to 16 weeks, and for 10-40 hours per week, depending upon the demands of the project and the availability of participating students ("CaRES Interns") and faculty ("CaRES Preceptors").

The preceptors will be drawn from a pool of more than 250 CCC faculty who currently direct approximately 400 research grants. Interns will be encouraged to present their findings at UAB Graduate Student Research Day, UAB Medical Student Research Day, the Annual CCC Research Retreat, or at a regional or national professional meeting. A career development seminar is held for CaRES interns during the summer.

The CaRES main Web site can be found at: http://main.uab.edu/Sites/CaRES/

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