

The UK Family & Community Medicine's Division of Research

Summer Research Fellowship Program

Application Form - 2026

All materials are due by noon on Monday, March 9th, 2026, including your resume, interest essay, and the completed survey form (offer of support) from your primary mentor. Late or partial applications will not be considered. Email this completed form and other required submission materials to karen.roper@uky.edu. Fellow(s) will be notified of their acceptance on the week of March 23rd, 2026.

1. Provide your name, contact information, and current level of training

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's email:

Applicant's current student status (Department or program, Year of study):

2. Identify your primary mentor and mentorship team

Your primary mentor can be any faculty member at UK, so long as they agree to guide you through a project that falls within the broad interest areas of family and community medicine research. These are listed on this application form under the description of the essay requirements (see section 4 below).

Primary Mentor Name:

Mentor's email:

Mentor's Department(s) within UK:

In addition, if your primary mentor is not a member of the Department of Family & Community Medicine (UK-DFCM), the sponsor department, you MUST identify a UK-DFCM faculty member as part of your mentorship team. If your primary mentor is within the UK-DFCM, you may, but are not required to have, additional mentors.

Additional Mentorship team members. One must be a faculty member within UK-DFCM:

Mentor(s) Name(s):

Email(s):

Department(s) within UK:

Have you worked with any of the above mentors before? If yes, what was the nature of your collaboration?

3. Request that your primary mentor complete the required mentorship support form indicating their commitment to mentor your fellowship experience.

Completion of this required survey form is due on the same date as the rest of the application materials. Please send the following link and ask the mentor to provide sufficient detail on the questions asked:

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1BanpJqLHTrHE9g

3. Request the number of paid working hours you would ideally dedicate to the project.

To increase the flexibility for fellows to work more time if they and their mentor would so desire, or fewer hours for projects with a smaller scope, accepted fellows may work a MINIMUM of 10 hours a week for 8 weeks. At MAXIMUM, fellows can work up to 40 hours a week for the 8 weeks.

The payment rate for 2026 is set at \$23.75/hour. Fellowships will be paid as a non-federal work-study opportunity and this is contingent on the submission of biweekly time sheets over 8 weeks. We will try to fully fund the requested hours noted in this application, but do not guarantee the ability to fully match your request.

The start date also is somewhat flexible, and accepted fellows will work with their mentor and the program director to agree on the hourly commitment and start date (ideally at some point in June) upon acceptance.

Requested number of hours per week (between 10-40 hours): _____

4. Submit your application interest essay.

Note: This should be a 1-1.5 page essay Word document, double-spaced, that describes:

1. What is the general interest area that you and your mentor(s) have identified as the focus of your summer fellowship experience?

Your interests should broadly align with areas of research and investigation that are reflective of the interests of the UK-DFCM, Division of Research. Examples are below.

- Translational science (e.g., The translation of basic science research to practice) in areas such as substance use, diabetes, or other disease states)
- Social science research of relevance to clinical practice
- Patient-centered Outcomes research
- Community-engaged research
- Public health
- Practice-based primary care
- Quality Improvement
- Other studies of specific behaviors or diseases of interest to primary care

2. What specific activities and project goals are planned for your summer fellowship?
3. What activities/experiences do you bring that might be relevant to the work you anticipate doing as part of this program?

4. What do you hope to gain from this research program that you feel aligns with your career goals?
5. Describe/justify the need for the number of hours/ weeks requested (as noted in this application response section 3, above).

5. Agree to the APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS and FELLOWSHIP OBLIGATIONS:

- I am a UK medical student who is in good academic standing.
- A survey form has been created that your primary mentor is required to complete. This serves as a commitment and evidence of support for your application. Please send the following link and ask the mentor to provide sufficient detail on the questions asked. Check here that this mentor support authorization form has been asked for with the request that it be completed by the due date, March 9th, 2026 by noon.
- I have included in my submission a copy of my resume and essay.

OBLIGATIONS. If accepted, Fellows commit to:

1. work closely with their mentor to complete all agreed upon research activities.
2. provide updates to the program director as requested.
3. complete the required CITI training (if this has not already been obtained) in the protection of human subjects required by the UK College of Medicine prior to starting the research project, unless the research is deemed exempt.
4. present the results of their research to the UK-DFCM faculty and staff at the end of the program.
5. submit the project to the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science's Spring research showcase (another acceptable research conference may be substituted).
6. cite the DFCM research fellowship program in presentations and/or publications that result from the work.

Acceptance of the stipend will be contingent upon fulfilling all obligations agreed to on this form.

Electronic signature:
