The Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging is looking for 6 undergraduate students completing their freshman, sophomore, or junior years to participate in our summer Research Experiences in Aging program. The program will run for 8 weeks from June 7 to July 30, 2010. The program is to attract and expose undergraduates with a special focus to a research career in geriatric healthcare and in secondary interdisciplinary aging research. It is highly preferred that undergraduate students who apply for this program have a pre-med, nursing, social work, or an allied health major but those with majors in the humanities, social sciences, fine arts, engineering, and architecture may also apply.

The helpful exposure opportunity of the program intends to broadened the students understanding of healthcare fields and to stimulate career interests and choices specific to aging in, most importantly, clinical science but also in basic science. Students will complete a research project under the guidance of a Washington University Center for Aging faculty mentor. In addition, all 6 students will meet together in weekly seminars, tours, an ethics retreat, and a poster session.

The program provides:
- Individualized mentoring in research experiences in aging
- Seminars and journal clubs
- Observations in a variety of research settings
- Also, a $3,200 stipend (to be paid in installments after withdrawal of applicable taxes, and other customary deductions)

And much more! (See website http://centerforaging.wustl.edu for more details.)

To apply, interested students should submit the following by March 22, 2010:
- The on-line application is available at: http://centerforaging.wustl.edu
- College transcript (or other official record of college coursework to-date including Fall 2009 semester)
- Two letters of recommendation that describe your work habits and ability to work independently. 2-3 paragraphs per letter is acceptable.

Please note: Applicants are expected to participate in the program during the time of June 7 to July 30, 2010 including the ethics retreat sessions and poster presentation.

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Final status information will be e-mailed out by April 16, 2010.