The DISCOVERY Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (DISCOVERY PREP) at The Ohio State University College of Medicine provides a one-year research experience for recent graduates from underrepresented groups who are preparing for admission and success in a biomedical science graduate program. This program is funded by the National Institutes of Health. Each training experience is unique to the trainee’s research interest and skill, and each trainee is matched with a highly qualified mentor. Discovery Prep also provides a professional development experience to maximize the necessary skills and confidence that will be needed to thrive in a research-intensive biomedical science graduate program.

Applications are accepted during winter and spring up until April 30 annually, and the program begins during the month of July each year. Apply early! Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:
- Wide variety of choices of highly qualified mentors.
- Outstanding research and training facilities.
- Paid stipend for 12 months.
- Paid travel for presentation of research at a national meeting.

PROGRAM DETAILS:
- Trainees choose two laboratories from those in which Ohio State’s College of Medicine mentor faculty participate to conduct research for two weeks each.
- Within four to six weeks of officially joining one lab, the mentor and trainee develop an Individualized Development Plan (IDP) that is approved by the DISCOVERY PREP Advisory Committee.
- Trainees spend 75 percent of their time in the lab conducting an individualized research project, and 25 percent of time is spent in professional and scholarly development.
- Professional development seminars include self-exploration, personal statements, resume writing, interviewing, goal setting and motivation, creating scientific presentations, reading, and sharpening writing abilities.
- Scholarly development includes attending graduate level lectures, seminars, research in progress presentations, lab meetings and national and regional meetings.

ELIGIBLE TRAINEES:
- Recent baccalaureate graduates (within the last 36 months) in the life sciences, such as biology, biochemistry, and molecular biology.
- U.S. Citizens, non-citizen nationals or permanent residents.
- From an underrepresented group as defined by the NIH. Candidates include individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds (socially, culturally, economically). National racial and ethnic groups that have been found to be underrepresented in biomedical/behavioral research include, but are not limited to, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives/Native Hawaiians, and citizens of the U.S. Pacific Islands.

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