



2026-27 Medical Student Research Fellowship Award Applications Due January 7, 2026

The Sarnoff Fellowship Program offers medical students enrolled in accredited U.S. medical schools the opportunity to spend a year conducting intensive work in a biomedical research facility in the United States. Although applicants may have prior research experience, applications are also encouraged from students without extensive prior research experience.

Fellows are selected on the basis of a national competition. Sarnoff seeks individuals with demonstrated intellectual and academic achievement, as well as leadership ability. Applicants enrolled in an MD/PhD program will not be eligible for a Sarnoff Fellowship.

Applications are encouraged from second and third year medical students. Fourth year medical students are required to submit an official letter from their medical schools granting graduation deferment.

There are no citizenship requirements for application, but those who are not U.S. citizens must have and maintain an appropriate visa. The Foundation will not handle visa matters for applicants.



Annual Stipend: \$45,000
Allowances up to \$5,000
for travel support to
select a Preceptor and
Fellowship laboratory
and attend the Sarnoff
Annual Scientific Meeting
and American Heart
Association Scientific
Sessions, moving expenses,
health insurance and funds
for travel to present
a paper at two national
conferences

Mentorship through Sarnoff

The cornerstone of the Sarnoff Fellowship is the special interaction between the medical students and the laboratory Preceptor with scientific and mentoring expertise. This close relationship, developed during the course of the Fellowship, and continuing throughout the Fellow's career, is enhanced by additional interactions with the Sarnoff Scientific Committee and Sarnoff Alumni. These experiences cultivate a life-long appreciation and enthusiasm for cardiovascular investigation, leading many to choose a career in cardiovascular research. The Foundation's investment in the Sarnoff Fellow is life-long.

Each applicant must submit the following:

- An up to two page essay (1/2 inch margins and Arial 11 font) summarizing a question you find interesting related to cardiovascular disease. How might you go about answering that question through scientific research? This should be an idea you generated through your experience in medical school and review of the literature, not a project you have worked on in the past. Also, the text should be developed by the applicant independent of direct input from a mentor.
- · A half page describing your motivation to pursue a year of dedicated research in cardiovascular disease.
- · Completed application form and signed statement of confidentiality
- · Official medical school transcript
- · Curriculum vitae
- · Recommendation from the applicant's Sponsor
- · Two additional recommendations
- · Any other material that the applicant determines is appropriate to support the application

