



***Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity (SIPID):***  
***Genetic Epidemiology***  
***with a focus on Cardiovascular, and other Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep Disorders***

## **General Admissions Requirements**

The study of the genetic epidemiology of Cardiovascular, and other Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep Disorders and their risk factors is an interdisciplinary field. We have drawn faculty of diverse backgrounds to mentor junior faculty and scientists in this discipline to enhance the participant's preparation to conduct future research in this field. We believe this all-expense-paid training will foster a unique learning environment and give the participants access to cutting edge research. As a special program to increase diversity in the biomedical workforce, entry into the program is limited to the following:

Junior faculty or scientist in an American institution and a member of either of the following groups:

- Under represented minority or
- A person with a disability

## **Admissions Requirements:**

- A U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- A member of an Under Represented Minority or a person with a disability
- A junior faculty or scientist at an American institution
- A letter of support from the Department Chair that allows the mentee to fully participate in the program, and to
  1. devote 5% protected time and effort throughout the program,
  2. dedicate 33% effort during the summer months, and
  3. have access to institutional resources for preparing grant applications.
- The applicant's statement of Research Interest in the SIPID Genetic Epidemiology program and potential topics of interest.
- Contact the Program Administrator, Linda Schreier at [sipid-ge@wubios.wustl.edu](mailto:sipid-ge@wubios.wustl.edu) or by telephone at (314) 362-1565, if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Application Procedures:**

To speed up the two-step admission process, please download and complete the Pre-Application Form if you are interested in applying to our SIPID program.

### **Download Pre-Application**

You may fill out the one-page form electronically or by hand and return by email or fax. If your Pre-Application Form is approved, you will be invited to proceed with the final step of the application process. As soon as the Pre-Application form is reviewed, we will contact you.

### **Download Application Package**

**Your application for admission to the Summer Institute should consist of the following:**

1. The completed application packet which includes:
  - The Pre-Application form,
  - The application form itself,
  - Your curriculum vita,
  - A brief statement that describes your academic or work experience in Biostatistics, SAS, Biological Sciences, and Genetics
  - Your statement of Research Interest in genetic epidemiology with a focus on Cardiovascular and other Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep Disorders.

2. A letter of recommendation/support from your Department Chair.

3. A recommendation from a former mentor or colleague.

4. **Deadline:** Rolling admissions until all slots are filled, with a target deadline of April 1, 2009. Apply early!

5. Mail all documents to: SIPID-GE Program Administrator, Washington University School of Medicine, Division of Biostatistics, Campus Box 8067, 660 S. Euclid Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110.

6. **Timeline:** The program Admissions Committee will review applications as soon as possible after all items are received. Applicants may be interviewed when necessary. A written notification of the decision of the committee will be provided to the applicant as soon as possible.

The applicant will then have seven (7) days to either accept or decline in writing any offer of admission in order to hold his/her place in the program. Should the applicant accept the offer, a letter of acceptance must be received within the 7-day period.

## Benefits of Participation:

**The package covers these expenses:**

**Housing** will be provided at the Parkway Hotel, 4550 Forest Park Blvd, St Louis, MO 63108 (<http://www.theparkwayhotel.com/index.htm>) or a nearby hotel if rooms are not available. Special needs mentees will be given special consideration for their accommodations.

**Meals** will also be provided during most of the meeting days. Mentees will be able to submit receipts for meals not served up to \$50/day while attending the Summer Institute.

**Transportation:** The program provides transportation, most likely in the form of airfare, for all trainees, including ground transportation to and from the airport. Washington University has shuttle service, and Metrolink, St. Louis' rapid transit system, provides convenient transportation to Lambert Airport, shopping and entertainment to various parts of St. Louis and to Illinois. If a mentee wishes to drive to the Summer Institute, we will make arrangements for parking and mileage reimbursement within NIH guidelines.

## Campus Resources:

**Libraries:** The Wette Library of the Division of Biostatistics contains over 600 books on epidemiology, genetic epidemiology, statistics, and applications, as well as subscriptions to over 20 scientific journals. The GEMS program has a small student library with copies of many basic texts required for coursework. Students will have access to the considerable resources of the [Becker Medical Library](#) which is in an adjacent building, with access also provided via the computers within the Division. Students are eligible to use all Washington University libraries after identification cards are issued. Access to buildings will be identical to privileges provided to graduate students at Washington University School of Medicine.

**Computing Facilities:** Computing facilities are provided by the Division of Biostatistics. A computer core lab is available for student use at all hours, with access to word processing programs. The Media Center in Becker Medical Library also has a computer lab available to students and trainees. Personal laptops are strongly encouraged and wireless access is provided.

**Bookstores:** The Medical School has a convenient bookstore on campus, located on the corner of Euclid and Children's Place.