

KENNETH A. SUAREZ CCOM SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the goal of the KAS Research Fellowships?**
The goal of these competitive fellowships is to provide a meaningful research training experience for OMS-2 students. KAS fellowship students prepare a research proposal in the spring quarter of the OMS-1 year, perform the relevant study during a full-time summer experience, analyze and write up their results during the summer, fall and/or spring of their OMS-2 year and present their results at an internal forum, the KAS Research Day in May of the OMS-2 year.
- **Can a KAS Summer Research Fellowship be awarded for research training less than 10 weeks?** Not usually. The KAS Program is designed for students willing to commit to a full-time, intense research experience in the summer of the OMS-2 year. We also want students to understand that research is a long process, and that their 10 weeks of work in the lab will very likely represent only a part of a future peer-reviewed publication. If you have military obligations, medical mission trips or vacation plans that impinge on the 10-week fellowship time, other routes for engaging in valuable but shorter or less intense research experiences are certainly available, such as Federal Work-Study for paid work; academic research electives, and volunteering to work on an ongoing project. Students should discuss these opportunities with research mentors.
- **Who are eligible “MWU faculty mentors?”** MWU faculty mentors include all investigators performing laboratory-based research or medical education research (e.g., faculty in the College of Graduate Studies, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Optometry etc.) as tenure-track faculty at MWU. In addition, for the purposes of this fellowship, it includes MWU preceptors, course directors, residency program directors and clinical faculty.
- **Can I perform a KAS Summer Research Fellowship with a non-MWU faculty mentor?** No. If a portion of a project needs to be performed at another institution because of some special research equipment and/or access to a different patient population that MWU does not have, this should be described in the application and will be considered by the review committee. However, the MWU faculty advisor is expected to directly provide most of the training and mentoring.
- **Can I receive payment for time spent working in the lab on research electives?** No. Research electives are academic courses and you cannot be paid for earning academic credit in an elective course. In the summer, CLIND 1499 Research elective is not offered.
- **Am I eligible to perform a KAS Summer Research Fellowship if I have not completed my first year of medical school or if I’ve completed two or more years of medical school?** No. Students are only eligible in the summer after successfully completing their first year of medical school.
- **Am I eligible for a KAS Summer Research Fellowship if I started a research project in MWU’s Biomedical Sciences Program?** Yes, but only after completing your first year in medical school.

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- **Can I be awarded a KAS Summer Research Fellowship to complete a laboratory-based research project at another institution (e.g. Rush or Northwestern)?** No. These funds are restricted to laboratory-based projects completed at MWU (IL or AZ campus).
- **Can I be awarded a KAS Summer Research Fellowship to complete a clinical science or medical education research project off campus?** Yes, if the mentor meets the criteria as a “MWU faculty mentor.” For example, you can perform a fellowship at a hospital where an MWU preceptor or MWU clinical course director is affiliated. Please recognize that all off-campus projects will require the summer fellow to meet regularly with MWU’s clinical research professionals regarding progress and clinical research training.