

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) is a program designed for high school students of under-represented minorities and from disadvantaged backgrounds who are interested in biomedical and behavioral research. A component of the NIDDK STEP-UP Program is Pacific STEP-UP. As a participant in the program, you will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on research under the guidance of experienced research mentors at local partnering institutions over the course of 8 weeks in the summer. Each participant receives a stipend and is eligible to travel to Washington, D.C. to present their summer research at the NIDDK High School STEP-UP Summer Research Symposium held each year in August at the National Institutes of Health.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- US citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent resident of a US-affiliated territory
- High school junior or senior at the time of application
- Must meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Come from racial or ethnic groups underrepresented in biomedical research, OR
 - Disadvantaged as defined by geographical location and/or annual family income, OR
 - Diagnosed with a disability limiting one or more major life activities

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