

Jesse Stoakes Research Award

2008 Comments from Students

"I enjoyed the Stoakes Student Research Program. It provides an opportunity for students to participate in a research project while at the same time, exposing them to cardiovascular medicine at a young age. This type of program enables students to understand many different aspects of medicine including but not limited to: research, surgery, cath lab, IRB process, bio statistics, lectures, etc. Many programs would stick to one area, but the four of us were allowed to take part in many different aspects of the entire process this past summer. I liked how we were freely able to come in early or stay late if we needed to work on our projects. I like to start early and enjoyed coming in to work. This is one of the very few programs that I have actually been excited to go work on everyday. The hospital staff, CVM staff, and MCRF staff were all very open to the research students. All in all, I enjoyed Stoakes Student Research Program very much, this program has opened not just one door, but several."

"There were so many amazing learning opportunities at MCRF that it is very difficult to decide which one was the best. However, perhaps the greatest asset to me was that this experience opened my eyes to how fun research actually is, contrary to my prior notions. I am also grateful for the time spent in the Cardiac Cath Lab. As a result of my time spent there, I plan to go into interventional cardiology."

"I can think of no way I would have rather spent my summer and would encourage anyone considering a career in medicine, research, or any related field to apply for this research program. I'm sure my experiences this summer will continue to open doors for me in the future."