

Jesse Stoakes Research Program

2010 Comments from Students

“I learned the most about the cardiovascular system and the heart. I have always been intrigued by this biological system and Dr. Shamma did an excellent job explaining how it works, what can go wrong with it, and ways to fix these problems.”

“The cath lab experience was one of my favorite parts of the research program. I had little prior knowledge of what goes on in the cath lab and the kinds of procedures that can be done in this manner. All of the nurses and staff in the cath lab were very friendly and were always open to questions.”

“I am planning on attending medical school, and once a doctor I hope to conduct research as well as practice medicine. This research experience has reinforced my will to both become a doctor and researcher. The various things I have learned during this program will help me in medical school and as a researcher. During my undergraduate career I have always enjoyed learning about the heart and have thought about becoming a cardiologist. After seeing the work that cardiologists perform, I will be definitely thinking of entering this field.”

“This research program was put together very well and exposed me to each step of the research process. In addition to just the clinical side and research side, I also enjoyed the various lectures given and the medical lecture that we attended prior to the start of the program. This experience has been very positive for me and has reinforced my will to enter the medical field.”

“The Jesse Stokes Research program was an incredible opportunity. I learned a lot about many aspects of medicine and research. Dr. Shamma and the research staff were very helpful and taught me a so many things. I was able to see all parts of research from beginning to end. The lectures that were given to us were great and really informative. I was planning on going in to medicine and the program taught me a lot about what I would be doing. Talking to Dr. Shamma and seeing everything gave me a special insight to what a career in medicine would be like. Going to the cath lab and watching procedures was really cool and helped me understand more about what the research was helping to improve. I am so glad I was able to participate in the program and I would definitely encourage anyone else who is thinking about research or medicine to apply.”