



AT THE FOREFRONT

UChicago Medicine

Comprehensive Cancer Center

Dear Recommender,

Thank you for agreeing to support an applicant to our pathway programs, which provide hands-on cancer research training, professional skill-building, and exposure to careers in biomedicine. To learn more, please visit www.uchicagomedicine.org/cancertraining.

Admission to our pathway programs is highly competitive. Successful applicants demonstrate a passion for science, an interest in careers in biomedicine, and the maturity and drive to perform in a professional research setting. We especially consider applicants' capacity for growth.

Please tell us why your applicant is right for our Pathway Programs by completing the online recommendation form, accessible here: https://redcap.link/PathwayProgram_Rec2027. Be prepared to provide your name and contact information, a description of your relationship to the applicant (i.e., your qualifications as a recommender), and responses to the following questions:

- What do you feel the applicant has most to gain from a program of this kind?
- What qualities have you observed in the applicant that suggest they are prepared to meet the demands of a professional research environment?
- What else is important for us to know about the applicant?

For full consideration, recommendations should be submitted by the earliest deadline for the programs to which your applicant is applying:

- **Chicago EYES on Cancer:** Monday, November 30, 2026 11:59pm CT
- **researchHStart:** Monday, January 11, 2027 11:59pm CT
- **Advanced Research Internship:** Monday, January 18, 2027 11:59Ppm CT
- **Healthcare Experience & Research in Oncology:** Monday, March 1, 2027 11:59pm CT

Please direct all questions to cancertraining@bsd.uchicago.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Megan A. Mekinda, PhD
Director for Education, Training, and Evaluation
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