

MERRIT FELLOWSHIP FAQ

What is MERRIT?

MERRIT stands for Multidisciplinary Engineering and Renal Research for Innovation of Technology. It is an educational, design and research pipeline for teams of engineering students to focus on the development of new technologies for nephrology and to encourage the pursuit of academic careers in kidney research. Our program brings together two complementary sets of mentors: engineering faculty from Cooper Union and the nephrology faculty from Mount Sinai.

Who can apply?

You must be an undergraduate engineering student with a declared major or a master's student currently enrolled in an accredited university. All subdisciplines of engineering are welcome.

How do I apply?

There will be one formal class on Responsible Conduct of Research. There will also be several didactic programs that are jointly administered with other summer research programs at Sinai. These may include scientific seminars, research presentations, and journal clubs where research papers will be discussed.

Is there a deadline?

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What kind of research will I be working on?

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Do I need to have prior research experience?

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What are the deliverables at the end of the program?

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How much is the stipend?

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Is housing available?

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Is this program only for engineering students?

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Do I get academic credit for participating?

No.

Are there any official courses?

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When will I get my stipend?

You will receive your stipend as a single paycheck before the end of July.

Will I have to pay taxes on my stipend?

Yes.

Do I have to sign a photo/video release to participate?

Yes.

Do I really need to be at the program from 9:00am to 5:00pm every weekday?

Yes.