NU IN-PREP is a one-year program that provides enhanced research training, academic support and a $27,200 stipend for postbaccalaureate students who are planning to apply to PhD programs in biomedical research. Housed in the Northwestern University Interdepartmental Neuroscience program (NUIN), IN-PREP offers training in a highly interdisciplinary and collaborative research environment that spans twenty departments and three campuses. This research-intensive program is supplemented with individualized advising, coursework in neuroscience, and instruction in scientific communication skills, with opportunities to present research. IN-PREP is designed to prepare its trainees for competitive admissions to graduate school and success thereafter.

Core Components

Research:
In-depth training by one of 85 potential mentors who represent diverse areas of neuroscience and who have a demonstrated commitment to mentoring.

Preparation for Neuroscience Graduate Program Admissions:
Academic instruction through two mini-courses: Cellular Neurophysiology and Molecular and Cellular Neurobiology; GRE prep course; feedback on personal statements and CVs; mock grad school admissions interviews.

Professional Development:
Scientific Communication Skills workshop series that focuses on developing confidence and clarity of communication in the fundamental methods of disseminating scientific information; opportunities to present research at scientific conferences.

Social Activities:
Opportunity to connect with current graduate students at NUIN events and network with extramural PREP trainees at regional events.

Individualized Components

Advising:
Bi-monthly meetings with the IN-PREP leadership to discuss research progress, coursework and the graduate school application process.

Coursework:
Choice from several upper-level undergraduate or graduate level Neuroscience classes and select audited lectures from graduate level neuroscience classes.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applications consisting of a personal statement, CV, transcript, and 2 letters of recommendation will be accepted starting October 1 and will be due by midnight February 1, 2020. For application submission refer to: http://www.nuin.northwestern.edu/application-process/

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must be within three years of receiving their Bachelor’s degree and must be US Citizens or permanent residents. In support of our mission to increase diversity in biomedical research, we strongly encourage applicants from underrepresented groups, those with disabilities, or from socially or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Applicants should have prior research experience.

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