The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program is a comprehensive, year-long research enrichment program designed to attract the most creative, research-oriented medical, dental, and veterinary students to the intramural campus of the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. Scholars engage in a mentored basic, clinical, or translational research project in an area that matches their personal research interests and career goals. This is the core of the program and provides the opportunity for future clinician-scientists and medical researchers to carry out research across the full spectrum of laboratory, translational, and clinical opportunities in the interest of improving public health.

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Medical Research Scholars Program participants have a dedicated advisor and research mentor and a well-articulated career development plan. In addition, scholars have the opportunity to interact with NIH leaders—institute directors, scientific and clinical directors, and principal investigators—and established investigators from academic medical centers and universities from around the country. A lecture series featuring some of these individuals provides opportunities for the participants to learn more about the scientific discovery process, as well as science policy, issues in bioethics, and emerging technologies. Scholars also present their own work and participate in seminars and journal clubs to discuss new developments in their research fields.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute also hosts scientific meetings and workshops at its headquarters and Janelia Farm Research Campus for some participants in this program.

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