

Dear Post Doc:

For the past ten years, DF/HCC has participated in the NCI CURE (Continuing Umbrella of Research) Program. This strategic program is designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities engaged in basic, clinical, and population-based biomedical cancer research. To date, 211 students have participated in the CURE program through DF/HCC, and 87% of those students are now working in a STEM-related industry or are enrolled in a STEM program.

We are currently recruiting mentors to provide college and high school students with a well-rounded, hands-on cancer research experience. As a mentor, you would receive the assistance of a full-time student while you promote their potential cancer research career.

The responsibility of a mentor is to oversee a student's work and offer guidance. To ensure the best possible student-mentor matches, all mentors will have an opportunity to meet with prospective students before final placement. Selected students and mentors may participate in a two-year or a summer-only program. Additionally, the cancer center will provide students with stipend, offer ongoing educational seminars, and ensure close supervision. For additional information about what we expect from our mentors, please visit <http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/cancer-disparities/for-students/cure-program/cure-mentor-expectations/>.

Prior to your commitment, I would ask that you obtain the support from your PI. Students selected to take part in the CURE program will begin their research assignments in the last week of June 2012. If you would like to be considered as a potential mentor or have any questions - please e-mail (Link: [latishyaj\\_steele@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:latishyaj_steele@dfci.harvard.edu)) Program Coordinator Latishya Steele. We need to hear from you no later than **February 29, 2012**.

Please check out our website - <http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/cancer-disparities/for-students/cure-program/> to learn more about the CURE program.

We encourage your participation in this exciting program.

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