

U-M IPC Summer 2022 Internship Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. Is there a certain application form that should be filled out or is the application a document that I create?

A. There is no specific application document that you need to fill out. Please create a document that includes all of the required information listed under “Application Process and Contact Information.”

Q. Do the letters of recommendation need to be submitted along with the entire application or can they be submitted directly to the person of contact for the internship program?

A. Letters of recommendation can be submitted with the application, or directly to Taylor Hautala (tdhaut@med.umich.edu) if that is the preferred/most convenient method of delivery.

Q. How is an intern matched up with their internship project? Is it based on the specific intern's injury prevention interests? Or perhaps it is based on the current projects of the center?

A. We aim to match all students to the projects based on their specific interests, goals and what they hope to achieve in their internship along with a faculty mentor that works in a similar field. We gather all of this information from the personal statements required as part of the application process. Please be as specific as possible when writing your personal statement as this will help us in matching you with the appropriate mentor if you are chosen for the internship.

Q. How specific would you like our applications to be in terms of the topic of interest or specific experiences we hope to gain?

A. The more you can speak to your interests (either in terms of injury-related topics you have an interest in or would like to learn more about, skills you want to acquire, or experiences you hope to gain) the better. You are welcome to provide examples if that helps.

Q. Is this opportunity open to any graduate or undergraduate students at any accredited university or just those enrolled at the University of Michigan?

A. The U-M IPC placements are open to all graduate and upper-level undergraduate students from any accredited university. The application doesn't specify that you have to be from the University of Michigan, but strong preference is given to U-M students (including U-M Flint and Dearborn). Only U-M public health graduate students are eligible for the potential placement at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.