

What is the Mentored Professional Enrichment Experience (MPEE)?

The MPEE is an 8-week optional elective between the first and second year of medical school, during which you may elect to conduct a research project in an area of interest.

What is the purpose of the MPEE?

The MPEE provides an opportunity for you to pursue interests in research and career development.

Where will MPEE projects take place?

The projects will be conducted in Carbondale, Springfield, or another approved site.

What projects qualify as MPEE projects?

The MPEE project areas include traditional “bench research,” clinical research, or investigations in health-related areas such as rehabilitation, social work, health education, public health, or academic medicine. The MPEE projects could involve empirical data gathering or they could be more oriented toward library research. Random “shadowing” of physicians performing their usual clinical activities is not an acceptable project.

What are the responsibilities of MPEE participants?

You will be responsible for the design, implementation, and successful completion of a proposed project. Successful completion will include a presentation before peers and faculty along with a final questionnaire.

What is the process through which you might have a project accepted?

Early in the first year of medical school, you will be advised about the MPEE program. With the guidance of a mentor, you will prepare a proposal by February 1st. A panel of faculty members will evaluate the proposal. By the end of February, the

MPEE program coordinator will notify you about the status of your proposal.

Will there be funding for you?

You will be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$2,000 plus summer fees at the time of the proposal submission. These scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. They will be part of the summer financial aid package. SIU mentors are eligible for up to \$1,000 to reimburse project-related expenses.

How will projects be evaluated?

You will work closely with your mentor who will monitor the progress of the project and determine that measurable outcomes have been obtained.

What is the role of a MPEE Mentor?

Essentially, a MPEE Mentor serves as your shepherd. The mentor advises you about such matters as library use, reviewing literature, proposal writing, and the actual conduct of the project.

For further information, please see our web site:

<http://www.siumed.edu/oec/y1/mentor-professional-enrichment-experience.html>

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