**Mentored Professional Enrichment Experience (MPEE): Application**

***Application deadline is Friday, February 6th, 2026, 5 PM Central. Email completed applications to the MPEE Director at*** [***dsarko38@siumed.edu***](mailto:dsarko38@siumed.edu)***. Incomplete applications, including signatures, will not be accepted. Late applications will not be accepted.*** *Use Times New Roman, font size 12. Maximum length is 3 pages. References and signature page do not count toward the page limit. Proposals must be written by the student applicant. A mentor may sponsor/work with multiple students, but each student's written proposal must describe separate, distinct activities – can be distinct aspects/components of the larger project.*

**Applicant Name**:

**Title of MPEE Project**:

*Replace this line with a brief title description of the MPEE project.*

**Location where MPEE Project will take place**:

*Replace this line with the location (address) of the project.*

**Proposed Start Date:**

*Replace this line with a proposed start date with your mentor’s approval.*

1. Has this start date been approved by, and discussed with, your mentor? YES or NO
2. Please confirm that you and your mentor are aware that **although your start date can be as soon as June 8th 2026**, **you will not be officially confirmed for academic eligibility for MPEE until after Y1 academic standing and remediation scheduling have been verified by the Y1 Curriculum Director** (**estimated to be by June 15th 2026**)? YES

**Mentor Name and Contact Information**:

*Replace this line with the mentor's name, complete address, e-mail, and phone number. Please list any SIU-SOM collaborators.*

**RATIONALE & SPECIFIC HYPOTHESIS**

*Replace this line with a description of the objective/problem/importance that your project will address. Clearly state, and underline, the specific hypothesis you will be testing.*

**GOALS**

*Replace this line with a list of your goals, which may include personal, professional or scientific. What do you hope to accomplish? This section should be brief.*

**METHODS**

*Replace this line with a description of how you will carry out your project/program, including the most important studies/experiments you will use. Describe what data you will need to collect.*

**ANALYSIS**

*Replace this line with the criteria you will use to determine if the objective of the project/program has been met. How will you analyze the data and determine what the results mean and whether they are significant?*

**INSTITUTIONAL APPROVALS: IACUC or IRB**

1. Have you obtained any necessary [IACUC approvals](https://www.siumed.edu/adr/institutional-animal-care-and-use-committee-iacuc) to work on the proposed project, if applicable? ***Note: IACUC approvals are only for animal studies. If you are not working with animals, put N/A.***

YES N/A SUBMITTED/PENDING

1. Have you obtained any necessary [IRB approvals](https://www.siumed.edu/irb/institutional-review-board-irb) to work on the proposed project, if applicable?

***Note: IRB approvals are for human studies.***

***If you are certain that your study does NOT need IRB approval, and/or you are not working with humans, put N/A.***

***If your study DOES need IRB approval, and that will be in place prior to starting the study, put Submitted/Pending.***

***If you are unsure, check with your mentor and the IRB directly.*** [IRB@siumed.edu](mailto:IRB@siumed.edu)

YES N/A SUBMITTED/PENDING

**SUPPORT**

1. Do you request student support funds (funds for the student themselves, to support their work on the project, $3,000)? YES or NO
2. Would you be able to participate if a scholarship is not available? YES or NO
3. Is your mentor requesting additional funds for lab supplies (consumables, to support the project itself, up to $1,500)? YES or NO
   1. If yes, please provide an itemized budget and brief budget justification. Please note that computers and gift cards for research participants are not allowable.

Please note that we do not need an exhaustive or extensive list of literature references.

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*By signing below, the student and mentor agree that they have each thoroughly reviewed and approved this proposal application, including Institutional Approvals. The mentor further agrees to supervise and provide research mentorship for the student for the duration of the MPEE project, and for the resulting MPEE presentation.*

Student Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_