

RISE Program Policies

Undergraduate Students

There are a number of policies undergraduate students obtaining RISE funding are required to follow. Please read and initial next to each policy to indicate that you understand them, and sign that you agree to adhere to the policies outlined below.

RISE students will:

- Maintain high standards of academic honesty, both in coursework and in the laboratory environment.
- Maintain full time status throughout the semester (12 hrs. undergraduate). Students must notify Program Director prior to withdrawing from courses.
- Follow recommended coursework progression for their particular academic program/major.
- Complete 15 hours per week of research with mentor during the academic year.
- Make progress in the laboratory and in professional development activities, including but not limited to completing research projects, learning techniques and creating scientific presentations and publications.
- Attend any required RISE functions, including but not limited to meetings with the program's external evaluator, program director and annual evaluation by entering their information in the RITA system.
- Attend any required coursework, including the Summer Orientation & Research Training Workshop, Science 200 seminars, Responsible Conduct of Research training, problem solving sessions, and other professional development activities as required by the program.
- Present research results in at least one scientific conference per year; ABRCMS, the CUNY Conference, Gene Center Symposium or the Hunter College Science Poster Day.
- All RISE undergraduates are required to take the GRE by spring of their junior year.
- All RISE undergraduates are required to apply to the Graduate Center of CUNY and at least four other graduate schools during their senior year.
- Attend one external summer undergraduate research program.

The overall goal of the RISE program is to increase the participation of underrepresented groups in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. Therefore, the focus of the program is to encourage talented students to pursue careers in biomedical research leading to a Ph.D. The program is NOT intended for students pursuing a career in Medicine (MD).

Registration for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), for an MCAT preparatory course or with Hunter College's Pre-Medical office will be viewed as a clear indication of a student's intent to study medicine. The eligibility of any such student for continued support by the RISE Program will automatically be brought under review. Expulsion from the RISE program is likely unless the student can qualify for and agrees to apply exclusively for admission to programs leading toward an M.D./Ph.D. degree.

Student Signature

Date

PD Signature

Date