Brody School of Medicine and Honors College Summer Heart Institute Internship
Summer 2015

Overview
The East Carolina University Honors College internship at the East Carolina Heart Institute provides an interactive clinical and scientific summer program. Students are exposed to laboratory research methods and clinical procedures, as well as the ambience of an integrated cardiovascular disease program. For 6 weeks (full-time) student interns are immersed in daily clinical activities of cardiac surgeons and cardiologists, which include observing robotic cardiac surgical operations as well cardiac catheterization procedures. The program is supervised by Dr. Wiley Nifong, an internationally recognized surgeon who helped pioneer robotic and minimally invasive cardiac surgery, and Dr. Randolph Chitwood, the Director of the East Carolina Heart Institute and past president of three international cardiovascular surgical professional societies. The program is noted for personal interaction between student interns and our faculty and is devoted to spawning early interest in cardiovascular science and medicine. At the end of the internship, each student will have his/her name engraved on a plaque. The plaque is housed in the robotics lab.

Dates
July 6, 2015-August 14, 2015 (6 weeks; full-time; however, please note that students can only log 25 hours per week and the remaining hours will be on an unpaid/voluntary basis)

Number of Internships available for Summer 2015
Two

Compensation
Each intern will be awarded an Honors College stipend of $1000. Students are responsible for their own room and board during the internship weeks.

Primary Contact Person
Mrs. Kim Smith (smithki@ecu.edu)

Eligibility
Participation is restricted to students who are in good standing in the Honors College. Honors College students who have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours as reflected on their ECU academic transcript at the commencement of the internship date are eligible to apply.

Application Information
Interested students are required to submit a resume, one letter of reference and the Brody School of Medicine and Honors College Summer Heart Institute Internship application form and essay by Friday, October 31, 2014 to smithki@ecu.edu to be considered for this internship. Application packets will only be accepted by email attachment. Applications will be reviewed by the Honors College and East Carolina Heart Institute administrators. Finalists may be asked to participate in an interview on Friday, November 14, 2014 between 9am-11am. Please hold this date on your calendar.

Post-Selection Interview
After the interns are selected, they will be responsible for working with Becky Gilbird to arrange a telephone interview with Dr. Chitwood and/or Dr. Nifong so that the interests of the interns can be determined and the summer program tailored, in part, by those interests.

Advance Work
The internship site will provide readings for the interns in advance of the experience.